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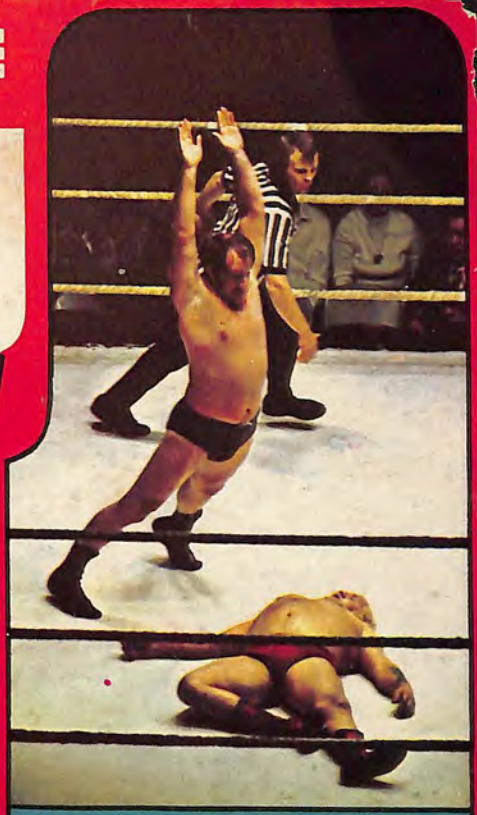

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HOW ALMOST ANYONE CAN PROFIT FROM INFLATION, RECESSIONS, AND DEPRESSIONS

Welcome aboard! The fact that you are going to read this article means there is a good chance you will proceed with its advice. Proceeding with the advice in the article means that you may be among the few who will not only avoid financial disaster, but, become very wealthy during the coming depression. You don't have to be rich or know anything about finance to take advantage of this advice.

The advice in this article comes from Harry Browne. Harry Browne is considered one of the top financial advisors in the country today. If you would have taken his advice in 1970, you would already be substantially wealthier. Your investments would have brought you a 300% to 400% return. But take heart. There is still much more to be made. In fact, the best is yet to come.

Harry Browne not only predicted the 1972 devaluation of the dollar two years before it happened, he predicted exactly how it would occur, what signs there would be just before it occured and exactly what the government would do and say. Harry Browne is now predicting a depression more severe than the Great Depression of the 1930's.

You're saying to yourself, "How can this be? The country is depression proof!"

Well, lets examine the facts. Experts are saying: Depressions have been legislated out of existence. Economic cycles are a way of

Harry Browne, pictured above speaking at Carnegie Hall, is considered the top financial expert in the nation. It would cost you $2500.00 to attend a four hour private consultation. This article will tell you how to get exactly the same information given in these consultations for less than $10.

life in any nation that uses inflation to finance the growth of government. A look at the nation indicates a prosperous America. Inflation is a problem but, there are more people working than ever before. Steel production is at 90% capacity. Other industries are setting new production records. There are more products and services available. The president has said there absolutely will not be a depression. The Federal Reserve System has a host of powers with which to control the economy. In addition, there is an intricate structure of governmental programs to undergrid the economy: public works, highway construction, farm programs, anti-monopoly controls, taxing policies, stock market regulation and a multitude of other federal powers. Gold is leaving the treasury, but the nation's currency is backed by our great productive strength, not by a yellow metal. No wonder the experts are saying that our government is now capable of creating permanent prosperity.

Now don't you feel secure? If you do, you had better go back and re-read the foregoing passage. Because, EVERY WORD IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH CAME FROM NEWS ITEMS - NOT OF THE PRESENT DAY AMERICA - BUT, OF AMERICA JUST BEFORE THE 1929 CRASH!

What does it mean to be one of the many losers during a depression? It is a horrifying experience! People who have lived thru the 1930's Great Depression are not petrified of depressions without good reason. Here is what it will be like during the depression for the average family.

You will quickly lose your house, car, savings and major possessions. Don't believe that hogwash that banks will not foreclose mortgages during hard times. They will! "Depression Camps" consisting of thrown-together shacks will spring up in vacant slum areas. You will have no money. You won't have water, sewer, gas or electricity. Heating will be done by pot belly stoves that barely provide enough heat. For food you will eat things like dandelions to try to make-up for the sparse rations you get on bread lines. You and your children will go to bed cold and hungry. There will be no shoes for the kids and few clothes. Sounds like a made-up horror story? Ask someone who lived thru it. It is not uncommon to hear of tales like having one shirt for four kids or going without food for several days in a row. Harsh as it may seem, these are cold, hard facts.

THE 1930's GREAT DEPRESSION

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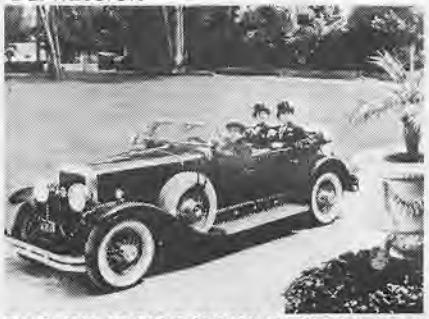

....BUT FEW PEOPLE KNOW MANY GAINED

What causes depressions? The answer is one word. GOVERNMENT.

Depressions are not caused by unions, stock market speculation, by unregulated free enterprise, by gold speculations, by greedy profiteers, by shortages of demand, by capitalism nor by lack of confidence. Depressions are caused by the government's inflationary printing of money and supplementation of industries which produce products people do not want, but, rather what the government thinks they should have.

Governments without exception are inefficient and incompetent. Federal programs such as social security, etc, are always disasters. There has never been and never will be a problem that will be solved by a government. People think they need government to give them something they can't get on their own. The truth is, however, the government always takes much and gives you back little. The more government there is, the less prosperity.

Because governments are inefficient they cannot operate and expand on existing tax money. They, therefore, turn on the printing presses and make unsecured money--money not backed by gold or silver. They rendered no goods or services to obtain their money. This produces a situation where there is now more money and less goods. Prices are determined by dividing the existing amount of goods into the existing amount of money. Prices are bid up out of sight with the extra unsecured money in circulation. Prices are also bid upward by wages paid by government supported industries who provide no marketable goods or services. Therefore, we have, again, money being dumped on the market, but, no goods or services.

The General Market consists of all market transactions that take place in the country. In other words all buying and selling. If left alone, it is a beautiful self-governing, self regulating system. No government can really control it. When the government tries, the General Market always catches up and wins the struggle with government. The liquidation period of the unsecured money and unwanted industries is called a recession. Depressions are severe recessions prolonged by the fact that the government intervenes and tries in vain to prevent the inevitable liquidation.

However, here's the good news. You are not helpless against this situation. There is something you can do to avoid financial ruin and pick up a tidy profit at the same time.

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* *What, where and how to invest to get 300% to 400% and probably much more return on your money with complete safety. Step by step instructions tell you where to go, what to do, who to talk to and what to say.*
* *The timing of investments. What to invest in depending on the economic state.*
* *How to find and set up a retreat for the coming depression, because, the next depression will be a violent one with riots and chaos.*

You can get the above information in several ways. You can attend one of Harry Browne's 4 hour private consultations which would cost you $2500.00. Or, you can get his latest book, YOU CAN PROFIT FROM A MONETARY CRISIS, which contains exactly the same information given in his seminars, thru a special reader's offer below. The book takes only several hours to read and the investment advice is simple and easy to start. It took me all of ten minutes to start my program and I did it all by phone without leaving my house.

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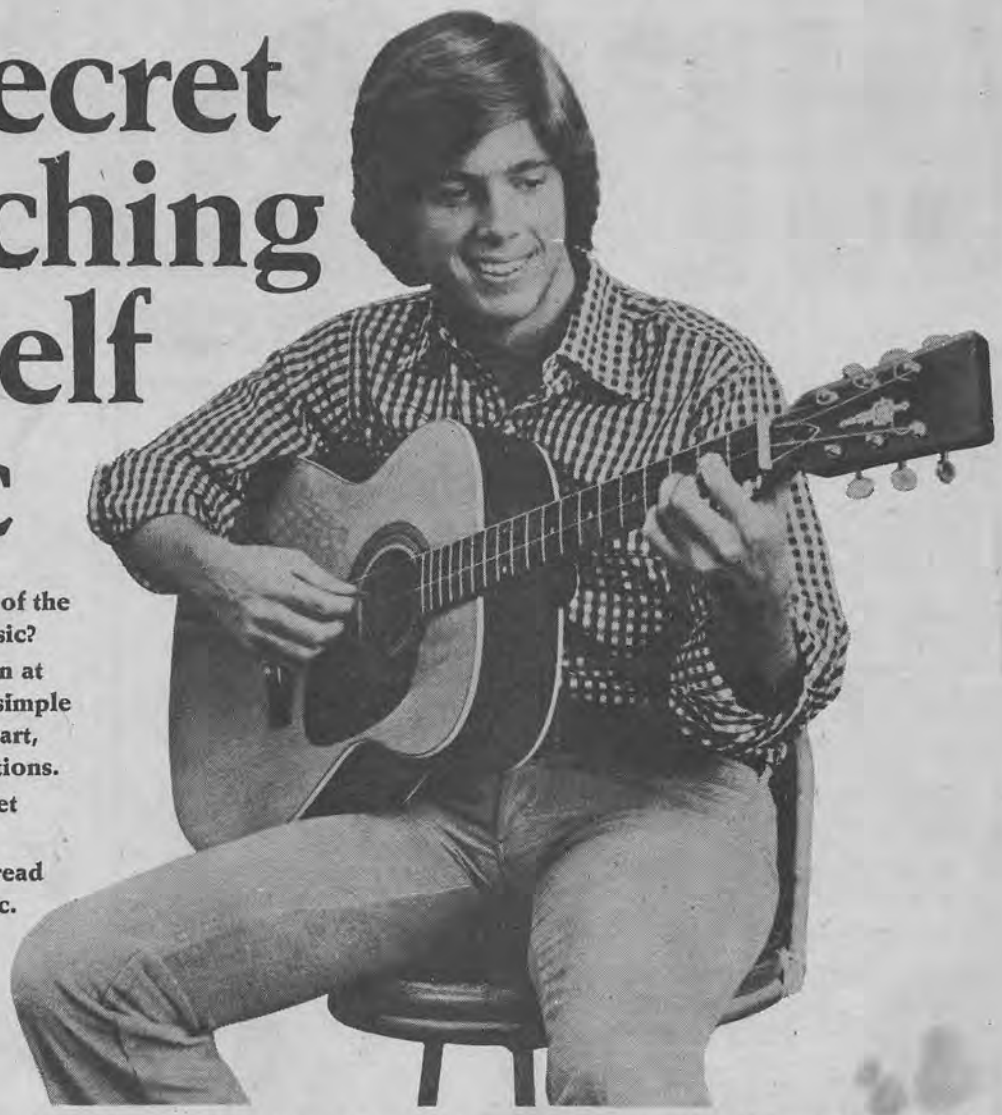

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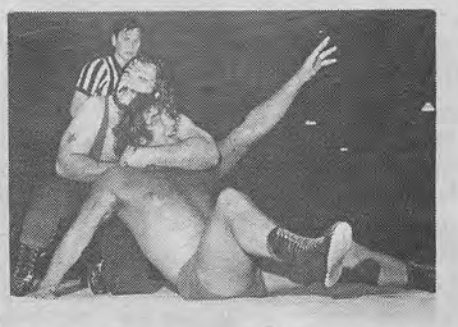

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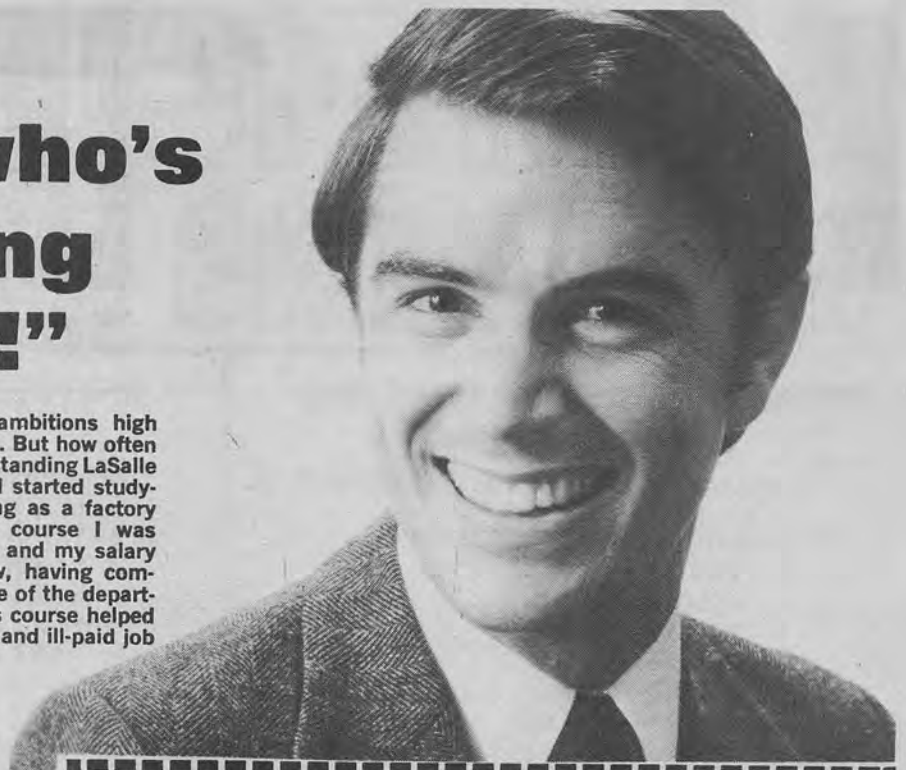

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9—BOBBY DUNCUM
10—GORILLA MONSOON

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2—BILLY GRAHAM
3—CRUSHER
4—LARRY HENNIG
5—BARON VON RASCHKE
6—RAY STEVENS
7—NICK BOCKWINKLE
8—IVAN PUTSKI
9—GREG GAGNE
10—HORST HOFFMAN

MIDGETS

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2—SKY LOW LOW
3—COWBOY LANG
4—BILLY THE KID
5—LITTLE BRUISER
6—LITTLE BRUTUS
7—LITTLE LOUIE
8—SONNY BOY HAYS
9—BOBO JOHNSON
10—LITTLE TOKYO

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3—DUSTY RHODES
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5—PAUL JONES
6—JERRY LAWLER
7—BRUISER
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9—PETER MAIVIA
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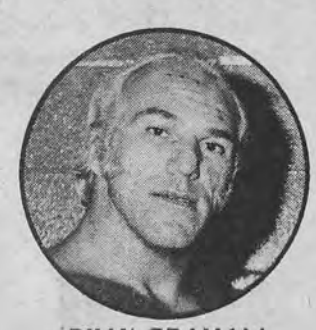
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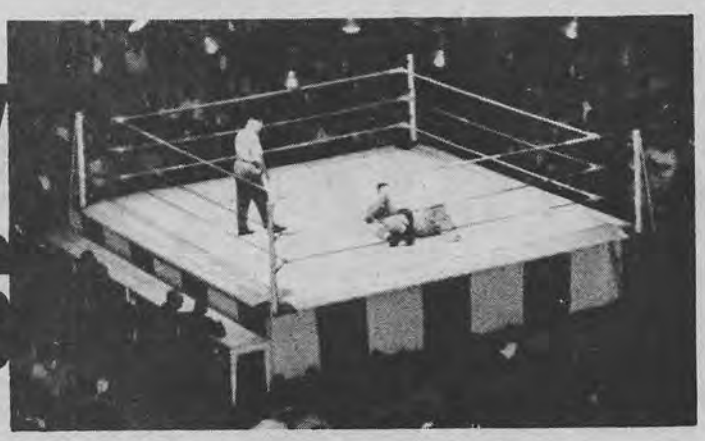

Above: Though he has lost both his legs, Mr. Wonder is still a wrestler and an inspiration to many people. Below: Fabulous Moolah and Vicki Williams are always exciting when battling.

WONDERFUL MR. WONDER

I'll freely admit that when I read the article, "Mr. Wonder—A Story of Bravery and Courage" (WRESTLING 1975 ANNUAL), I cried. Mr. Wonder is a great human being, a man whose heart makes him 10-feet tall!

I, too, lost my legs, but in a hunting accident. I, too, know the horror of awakening and feeling nothing below the knee. For months I sat in my wheelchair, afraid to have the world look at my misfortune.

I'm just beginning to get over my depression. Slowly, I've begun to adapt myself. It's been terribly difficult, but I have no choice. I can't tell you, though, how much Mr. Wonder's example has helped me to cope with my injuries.

I cannot express in words how much I appreciated that article. I'm sure many others like me thank you with equal fervor.

JIM DOWNEY
Chicago, Ill.

RATING THE RATERS

Pedro Morales is congratulated for being an honest sportsman as well as an excellent athlete.

I must admit to being pleasantly surprised reading "How the Wrestlers Rate Each Other!" (WRESTLING 1975 ANNUAL). Even such fierce competitors are able to appreciate those they wrestle. Some were even able to compliment those they hate!

If this article showed one thing, it revealed men like Verne Gagne, Jack Brisco, Pedro Morales, and Andre the Giant are true sportsmen as well as great athletes. We can all learn a lesson from their example.

Thank you for an article which demonstrated the best of professional wrestling.

HORACE JULIAN
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WILDCAT FAN

"Wildcats At War" (WRESTLING 1975 ANNUAL), all about the incredible Vicki Williams-Fabulous Moolah feud, was one of the most exciting articles I've ever read anywhere! Those two women make other girls seem

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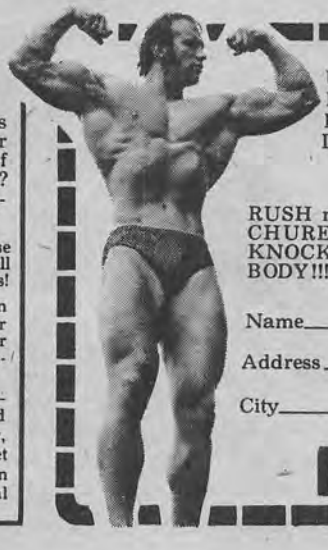

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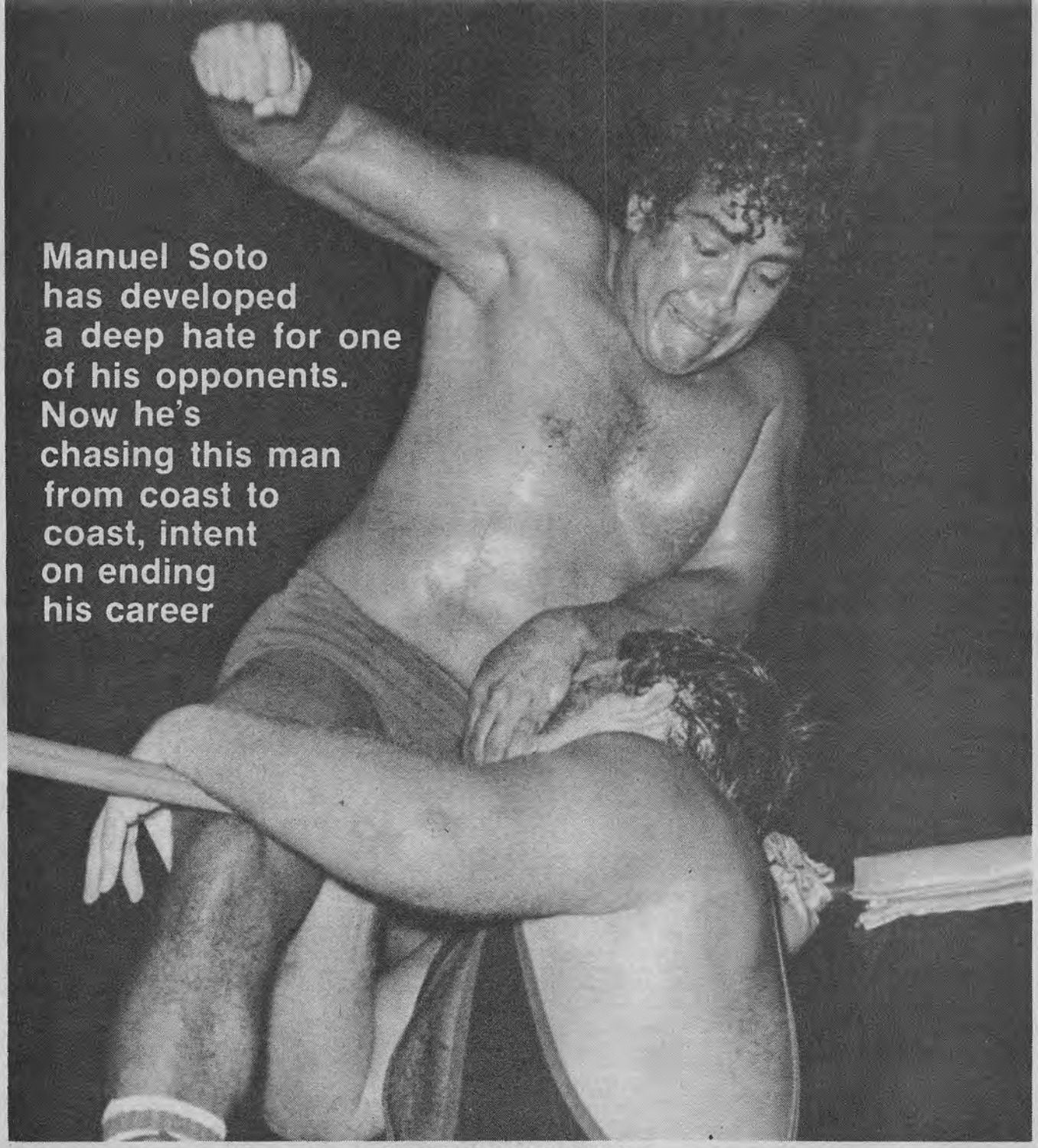

Manuel Soto has developed a deep hate for one of his opponents. Now he's chasing this man from coast to coast, intent on ending his career

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THE FEUD THAT SPANS THE CONTINENT

NAMES DON'T MATTER to Manny Soto. It's the man he's after.

The man is Butcher Brannigan. Soto knows him as the man he wants to batter senseless. And Manny is willing to travel anywhere to get his chance.

Butcher's tactics are just what Manny detests. His tactics have led fans to call him "Butcher."

"I dig that name," Brannigan says. It fits me perfectly!"

"I don't care what he calls himself," Soto says. "He can call himself Doris Day for all I care. But I'll try to finish him off even if it means wrestling him from west coast to east coast!"

"No professional wrestler can

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HOW I MADE A MILLION AT THE TRACK

The true story of Jimmy Davis, gambling pro who discovered the first proven method for winning at the track—INVESTMENT WAGERING

As told to Ken Martin

My interview revealed a fascinating—and highly successful individual. Jimmy D's story gives inspiration to millions!

Until 12 years ago I was one of the country's biggest Welsh gypsy "high rollers." I won big, lost big, went from rags to riches bet after bet. Then I discovered a method so fantastic, my winnings speak for themselves. Since I began *investment wagering* I've won an average *one-half million* dollars each year for the last 12 years at the track. What's more... it's so simple, I could teach *investment wagering* to you—in a short time!

Back in the old days, I had a ball! Loud clothes, flashy jewelry, gorgeous gals. What a life! I played every racetrack you could name. And I knew them all; the big stars, famous gamblers, names that still set your ears on fire! One thing about us high rollers—you could always trust another to come through when the chips were down. And believe me . . . when you gamble high and lose—you're really broke.

"Jimmy (King of the Hill) Davis, a colorful character from Atlanta who has become a millionaire through supremely judicious and intelligent wagering, was back at Miami race tracks last week." The Miami News May 14, 1974

So it was inevitable. I got tired of always being days away from my next loan. Win or lose, I had a family to support. My kids got older, needed more. Those high roller days started losing their spell.

But 12 years ago—lucky for me—things dramatically changed! I combined my 40 years racing experience and the secrets the pros leaked out, with the smarts of an old college friend. Our two brains . . . his computer . . . a couple of years testing . . . and I knew I had it. The method of betting that's made me a multi-millionaire. The one I call *investment wagering.*

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- *At the Kentucky Derby I won $212,000 on a single race (Northern Dancer).*
- *On March 31, 1973 I won at Aqueduct with Passen Mood ($55 to win) in the fourth. With* investment wagering *this winner practically hit me between the eyes—it was that obvious.*
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WHAT IS INVESTMENT WAGERING?

The first *proven* method that works at the track . . . any track, any time. You're actually investing your money like a financial manager. Only the profits are greater. And your money can be safer than in stocks. What's more, you bet what you want . . . earn as much as you need . . . week in, week out. What you make depends on how much you can bet. (This is a progressive method—based on best bets. But the best bets I mean are MY bets, not somebody elses'.) I have two main methods . . . for two kinds of action.

#1 FOR LIFETIME INCOME

That's for guys like me—retired or ready to retire (whether you're 25 or 65) who want to make a living at the track. You get a constant 36% profit on your betting investment . . . every week. Plus lots of action—7 horses every 2 days. And it's simple!

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But #1 is no giveaway method. You have to spend some time—getting it down pat. Believe me—it's worth the time. From then on you'll need 1 minute a race to make whatever you want.

#2 FOR SAFE, STEADY EARNINGS

That's for guys who want even more safety—and a bit less action. It's for "saturday warriors" . . . out for a good time, and no chance of losing. If #2 is your choice, you're assured 36% return on your money . . . every week you play.

INVESTMENT WAGERING'S YOUR ONE SURE BET!

I've seen too many guys lose their shirts on systems they thought would win. That's why I'm offering my *investment wagering* to you—to show up all those other so-called "winning systems." *You can prove my methods are winners—before you bet a cent!*

I'll take you by the hand (like a newborn babe) and show you—step by step—how to use both methods. Play them on paper for a week or two—check them out before you make a bet. You must average 36% return. Or else, return my methods and I'll refund your money in full.

I'm confident you'll be convinced right away. Like me, you'll quickly discover how to use *investment wagering* to live a happy, successful life—just like we both deserve. I've created a paradise on earth for myself. You could do the same!

Jimmy D. relaxes with "Sadie" at his magnificent estate in Georgia.

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THE FEUD

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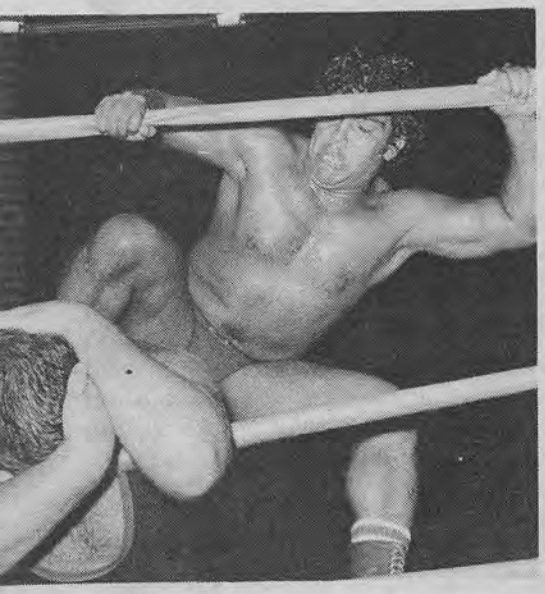
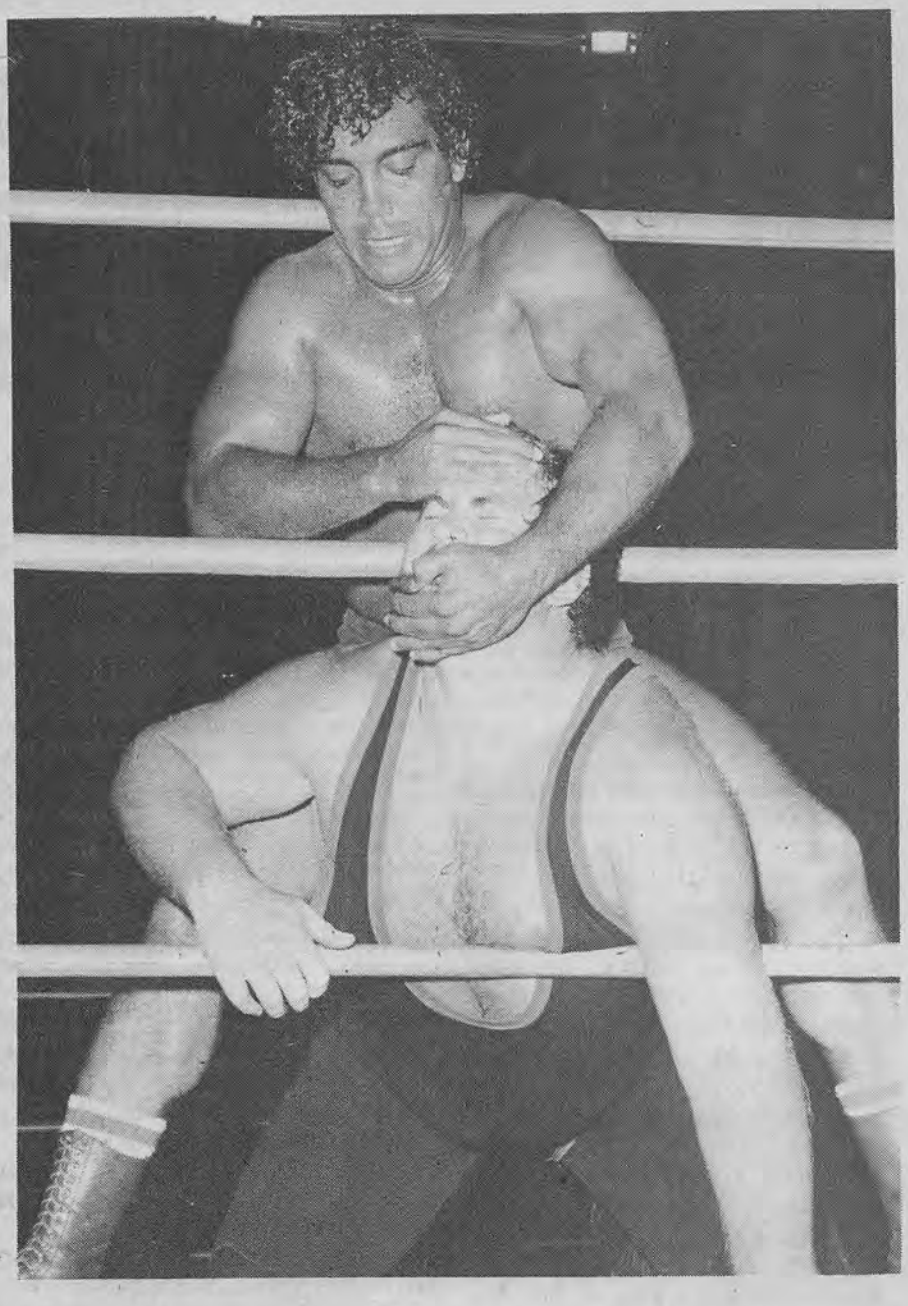
allow anyone to get away with the tactics Butcher has used on me. If I did, all my opponents would treat me like that and I'd be finished. I've got to prove if I'm subjected to brutally illegal tactics, the man who does them will be a lot worse off than his 'victim.'"

Manny's voice lowers as he concludes, "My career is on the line. I've got to get Butcher—or else I'm finished. There's no two ways about it."





Above: Soto swings on the ropes to slam Brannigan in the back. Right: Manny agonizes Butcher in a combination chinlock and face mask. Below right: Butcher cruelly chokes Soto!

While Butcher is hesitant to talk about his changing surnames, he's happy to talk for hours about Manuel Soto.

"Dumb! Dumber! Dumbest!" Butcher yells, "That's Soto in three words. I'll tell you honestly, I beat him so easily it was embarrassing. The stupid fans had come to see a wrestling match and wound up seeing a massacre! Soto was beneath my contempt. He wouldn't give a little old lady a decent struggle.

"Soto ought to find another line of work. Some profession where he doesn't have to exert himself. Because in this sport he's going to get hurt.

"From the moment I saw his ugly

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if you ever wanted to win at the track ...now you can

by Paul Fletcher

For some time, I've been looking for someone who knows what it's all about and is consistently beating the races.

All I found was the know-nothings eager to sell their "knowledge" and those truly knowing who wouldn't part with it.

It looked near impossible until I met Dr. Donald Sullivan and I'm going to tell you some interesting things about him that can affect your life.

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Don is a college professor who devoted the past 9 years to serious research on horseracing.

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Unlike anyone else, they were able to determine the true significance of each factor and this guarantees selecting the best horse.

I was not the first to recognize the talents of Don Sullivan.

He was actually invited to conduct handicapping clinics at racetracks....by Arlington Park and by Washington Park.

When CBS-TV News heard of this, they filmed a class and challenged Don to handicap the 6th race.

It appeared almost unreal and staged as Don not only picked the winner at 10-1, but also the next 3 horses.

The announcer felt compelled to warn unbelieving fans that no one could pick winners like that all the time.

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To those who feel that one making money playing the horses would never part with his know-how, I say to you Don Sullivan is the living exception.

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WHEN A DEFEAT WAS ALSO A TRIUMPH

Sandra Lee (right) has her most important match so far against Brenda Starr and shows she has a lot of skill and more courage (above).

Brenda's talents enable her to trap Sandra in a headlock, badly hurting the young woman!

HER STOMACH A knot nervous tension, Sandra Lee sat, letting the seconds creep by. Her match against wily veteran Brenda Starr was minutes away. The waiting was torture.

This would be the toughest match Sandra had ever wrestled. The questions which plague every youngster before ascending toward a higher plateau were swirling through Sandra's mind.

"I'm glad I'm not alone now," Sandra whispered appearing very fragile and innocent for a woman about to wrestle a notoriously tough grappler. "When a girl decides to become a professional wrestler, friends and family don't really know how to react. Even my best friends, who are out there watching, don't feel comfortable back here in the dressing room. It's a lonely life when it comes down to the nitty gritty.

"How does a person know if she's ready for a wrestler like Brenda Starr unless she tries? Some say I'm ready. Others say I'm not. Even I'm not sure. Guess I will be in an hour, though."

Sandra allowed a hollow laugh to escape from her lips, then she fell silent for a moment. But the quiet quickly grew oppressive. The slim lass needed to talk.

"I don't mind losing," she said with a crooked, self-conscious smile, "as long as I don't humiliate myself. I want the fans to at least say, 'Sandra Lee really put up a battle!' I want to be proud of what I do tonight. This is the biggest moment of my life."

Those around her tried to assure Sandra that not only was her nervousness normal, but it actually worked in her favor. Many of the top athletes admit a tight coil exists in their stomachs before every event. Sandra listened politely. But her mind was on an opponent she'd meet in only a few minutes.

Distractedly, Sandra rambled on about her new life as a professional wrestler and the opponents she had wrestled and defeated. Recalling past triumphs seemed to give her courage. Her fists, which had been clenched tightly at her side, loosened as she talked of former victories.

Soon she was gesturing to illustrate her points. For the first time a real smile brightened her finely chiseled features. When she was finally summoned to the arena she appeared ready.

Her eyes sparkled as she heard the crowd's roar at her appearance. With a cocky wave of her hand, brought on by nervous confidence, Sandra slid through the ropes.

At first Sandra's slim appearance makes her look frail. But one realizes every inch of this woman is hard, solid muscle.

One could never doubt the power of her opponent, Brenda Starr. Her very appearance seems to exude a sense of ruthless power, of unrelieved, relentless strength. Brenda Starr was born to be a professional wrestler, pitting her brute strength against the more savage of her sex. The cold steel blue of Brenda's eyes declare there are no more savage than she.

And then, the moment Sandra had been awaiting and dreading, happened. The bell rang. The battle was on!

At first it was fairly even. Brenda had obviously underestimated her young opponent. Sandra displayed cunning and skill far exceeding her inexperience and youth. The fragile, insecure girl who had worried in the dressing room was gone. In her place grappled a determined, confident young woman. Brenda had her hands full with this lithe youngster.

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Sandra falls to the mat as Brenda leaps to the attack, kicking away at her crumpled opponent. Courageously, Sandra refuses to submit and absorbs all the considerable punishment Brenda can dish out!

Sandra Lee went against a stone wall when she wrestled Brenda Starr, a gal who's wrestled a lot longer than Sandra. And although Sandra didn't win the match, she did triumph in another way PHOTOS BY GENE GORDON

Brenda traps Sandra in a head scissors while her victim squirms and tries to struggle free. Brenda's powerful legs clamp down harder as Sandra tries to break the hold. The referee checks for choking.

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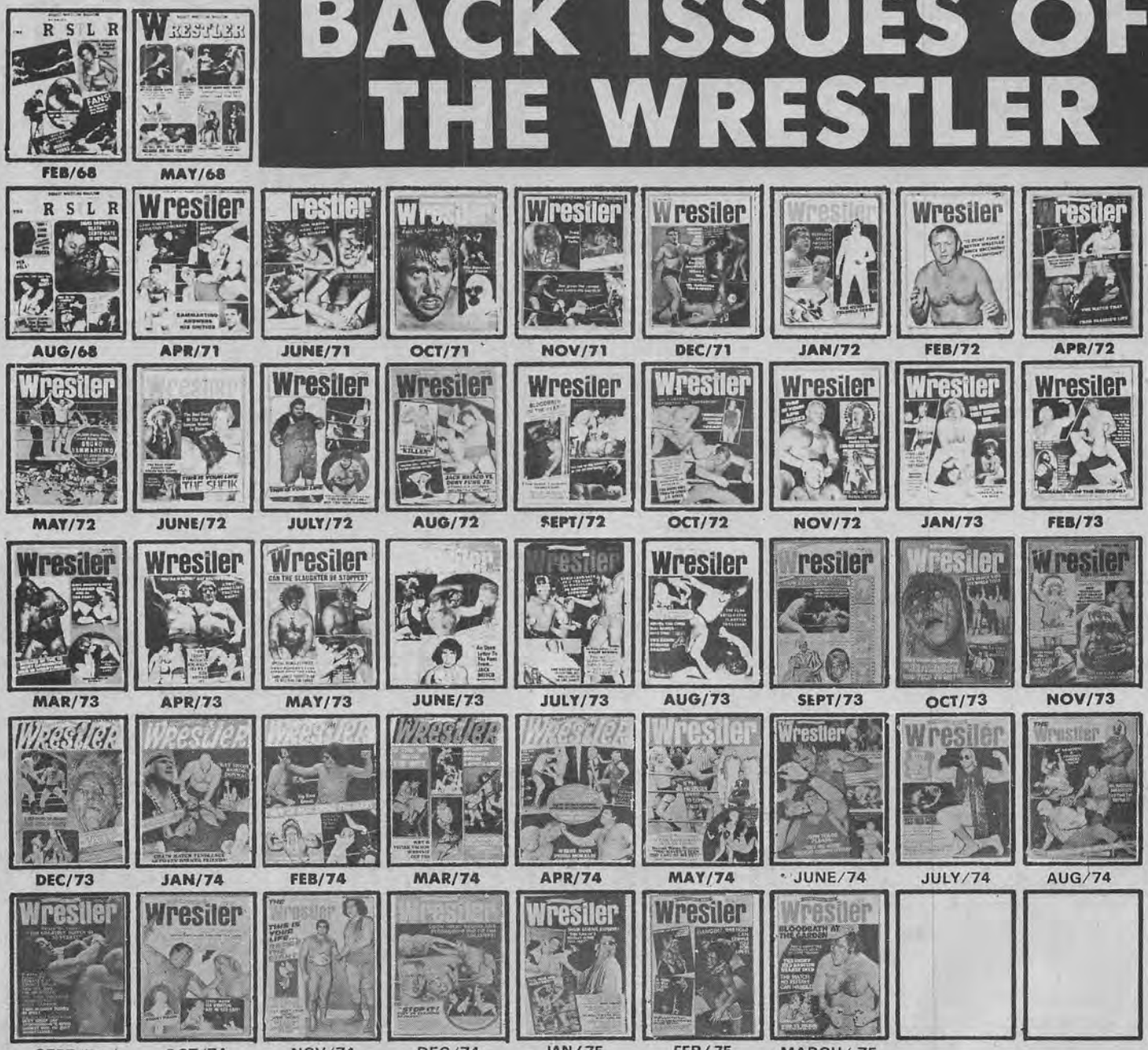

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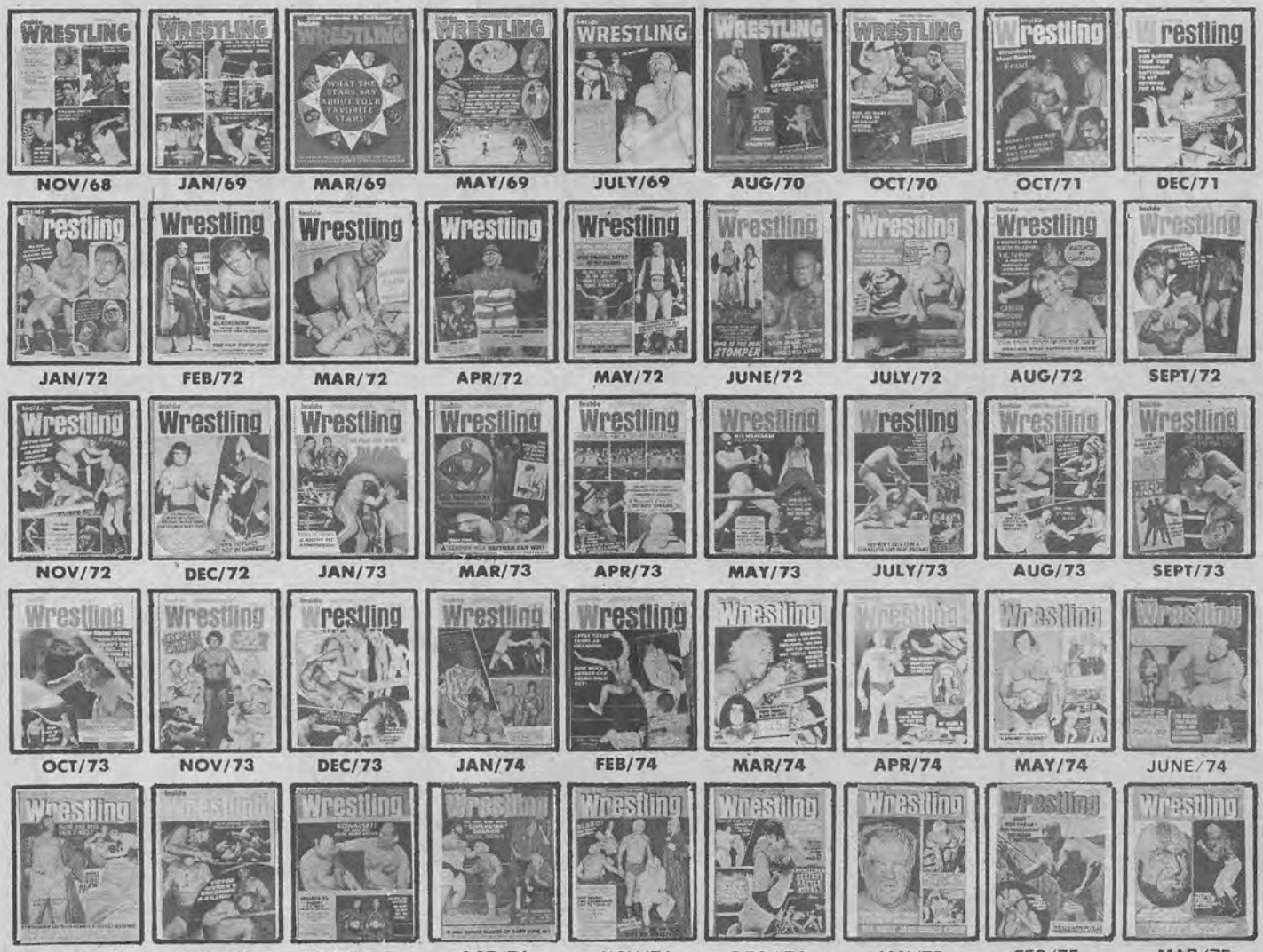

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The first prerequisite for becoming a professional wrestler is realizing all other considerations besides your career are secondary. All private life must be sacrificed to achieve the goal of success.

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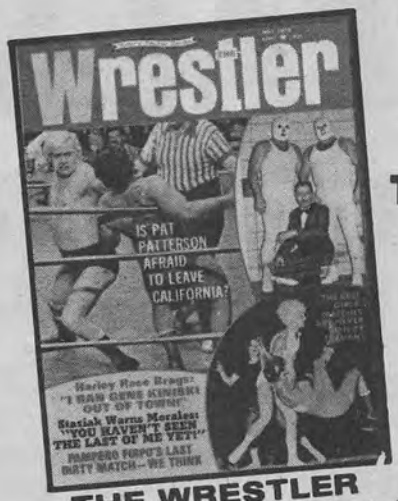

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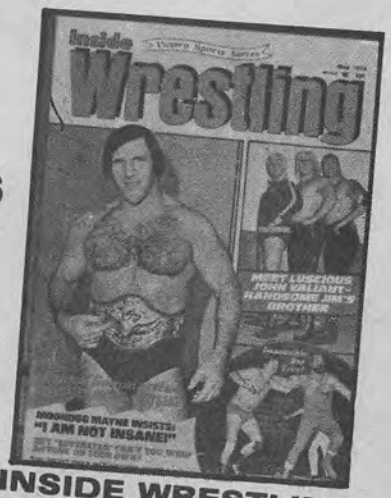

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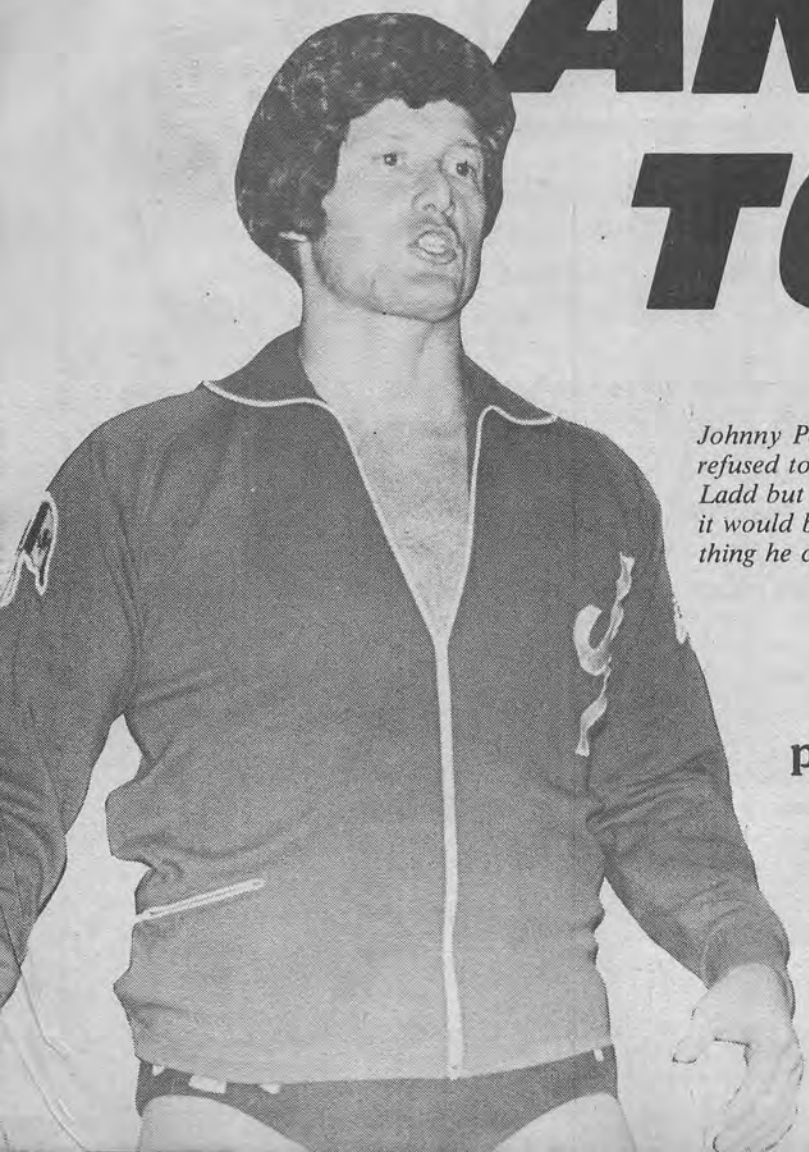


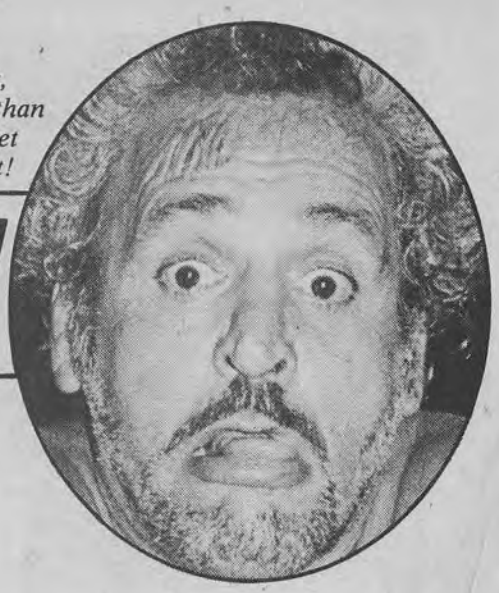
Johnny Powers at first refused to team with Ladd but then saw why it would be the best thing he could do!

OPENING THE PROMOTER'S letter, Johnny Powers smiled happily. However, after reading the note, Powers stalked angrily away, the letter torn and crumpled on the floor.

Almost half a continent away, Ernie Ldd eagerly opened a letter from the same promoter. He stared at it a little

They were tag team partners until a rift split them. A violent series of matches followed where they tried to tear each other apart. Now Johnny Powers and Ernie Ladd have reunited again. But just how long will it last?

In all professional wrestling, no one man is hated more than Sheik. Everyone wants to get this maniac out of the sport!



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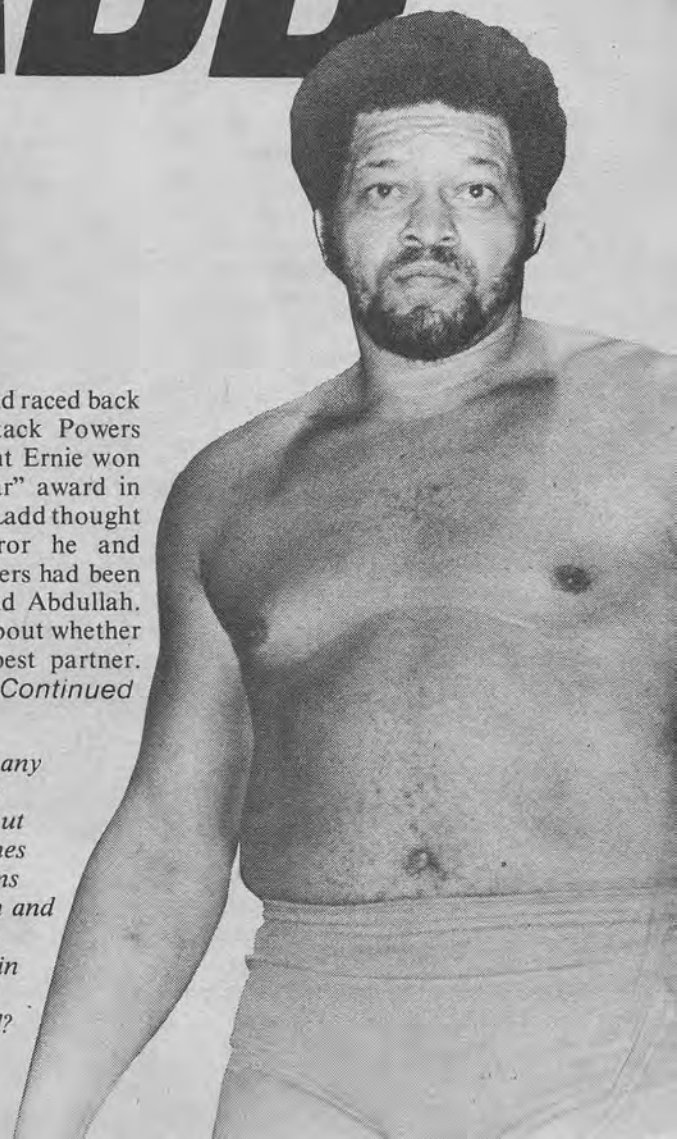
longer than Powers. Ernie had to read it twice to believe it! He let the letter drop to his desk and grabbed for his telephone.

"You've either got the world's stupidest secretary," Ladd shouted at the promoter, "or she's got the stupidest employer! What the hell does this mean? 'Johnny Powers can be your partner to take on Abdullah the Butcherkd Sheik in a tag team match.' You know I hate Powers' guts!"

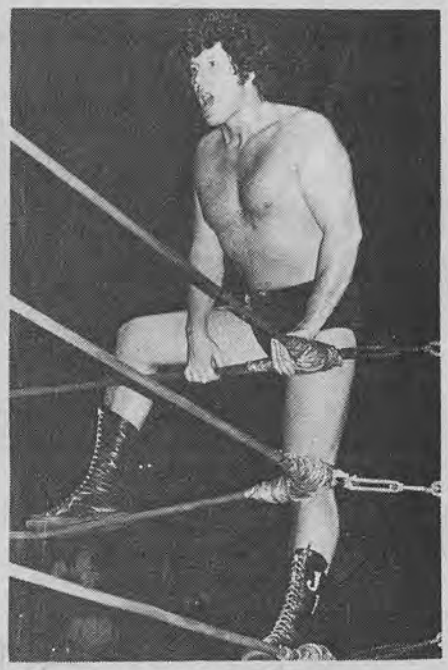
"You requested me," the promoter responded, "to find you the best tag team partner available to meet Abdullah and Sheik. Powers made the same request. He's easily the best wrestler available for the match.

"If you two guys hate Sheik and Abdullah as much as you claim, the only intelligent thing would be to team. Remember, Ernie, did you have to like everyone on your football team to play well with them? You're still a professional athlete."

Ladd fell silent. His mind raced back to the vicious sneak attack Powers made him suffer the night Ernie won the "Wrestler of the Year" award in Cleveland. Against that, Ladd thought of all the savage horror he and thousands of other wrestlers had been subjected to by Sheik and Abdullah. He didn't have to think about whether Powers would be the best partner. That was obviously true. *Continued*



Ernie Ladd has many reasons to despise Johnny Powers, but none of them comes close to the reasons he hates Abdullah and Sheik! Will Ernie and Johnny remain friends even after the bout is passed?



Above left: Ladd is captured in an excruciating nervehold by Abdullah early in the match. Above: So excited that he's climbing the ropes, Powers yells instructions to his partner. Left: After the match is ended by a double disqualification, Ladd grabs the microphone to protest the ruling. Below: As Abdullah applies the pressure, Ladd slowly loses his grasp on consciousness. At this point, pain overwhelms all his senses!

"I don't like it," Ladd replied finally, "but I'm willing if Powers is. Get his okay and send me the contracts."

The same day, perhaps an hour later, the promoter had a similar conversation with Powers. The results were identical. Johnny said he was willing to give the partnership a try. The contracts were in the mail before the day was over.

The promoter had to arrange the first meeting between the two. Neither man wanted to show weakness or respect by calling on the other. It was two very cautious men who sat across from each other in a neutral meeting place—a fashionable Cleveland restaurant. Many times during the meeting tempers almost flared, but each man exercised great control. Their first workout and strategy meeting was scheduled for the next day.

Spectators who had come to watch the workout in hopes of seeing a brawl instead saw something very special. Though the two men personally dislike each other, within minutes they became a coordinated, innovative team. The two complemented each other as if their union had been part of a great design. Their familiarity with each other's style must have helped, but they sensed each other's movements with a psychic accuracy. From mutual hatred, a great team had grown.

Still, both Powers and Ladd freely admitted being suspicious of the other. While grudgingly admiring his partner's talent, neither man ruled out the possibility of being betrayed by the other. And when wrestling Abdullah and Sheik, a traitor could result in the

Right: Sheik leaps on Powers and traps him in a camel clutch late in the match. Below: Sheik's trained fingers find Ladd's windpipe and squeeze with efficient cruelty. Ladd can barely breathe now!

Abdullah is stretched out on the canvas and Ladd comes flying down hard on top of him. Ernie's aim was off and Abdullah managed to escape with only minor injuries. Ernie wants another chance soon!

victim being permanantly crippled.

The night of the match saw Abdullah the Bur and Sheik stride defiantly through the arena, laughing at the screaming fans. The fans were quiet as Powers and Ladd warily approached the ring. Neither was quite sure what would happen.

The battle started between Abdullah and Ladd. These two bitter enemies tore into each other, trying to inflict the greatest pain in the shortest time. Fists and feet flew with savage fury. Ernie also spent some time looking over his shoulder, just in case Johnny decided to make it three against one.

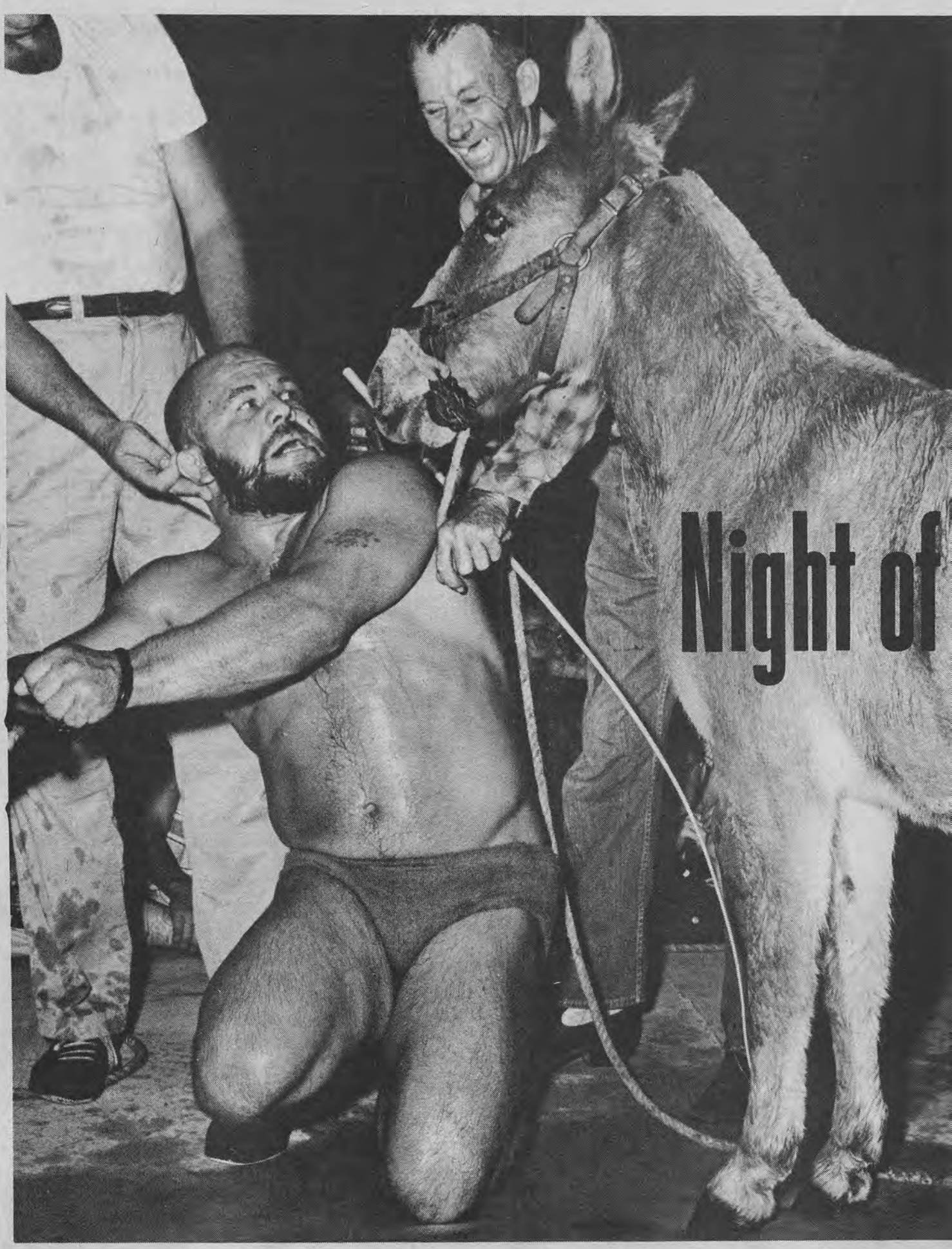
While Ernie had his head turned, Abdullah's fingers clamped a nerve hold on his neck. Ernie crumpled to the canvas. This didn't satisfy Sheik, who leaped over the ropes to make sure Ladd never got up!

Within an instant Powers had joined the fray. Johnny and Sheik battled mercilessly while Ladd squirmed in agony. The referee called the special police and announced a double disqualification.

Ladd saw Sheik and Abdullah depart. He then grabbed the ring microphone.

"Johnny and I," Ernie said, "don't deserve to be disqualified! But I will always remember this match for a lesson I learned, one which I'd like to tell you all. Powers and I created the hatred between us. We have also been able to overcome it. Learning this is more important than winning a match!"

As Powers and Ladd left the arena, the fans gave them a standing ovation. □


Night of

the Jackass

It was agreed that the loser of this showdown battle between Tony Borne and Danny McShane would bathe a jackass right in the ring. The donkey got his bath, alright, but neither Tony nor Danny did the job.

FLASHBACK SPECIAL!

THE FANS GAPED WHEN THE JACKASS WAS LED INTO THE RING. At least, it *looked* like a jackass. But what was it doing with zebra stripes? No one knew. One thing was sure, though: the critter smelled awful. The aroma curled the ropes and wilted everybody in the first fi rows.

"Haw!" brayed the donkey.

"Haw yourself!" brayed a fan. "You belong in there with those other jackasses!"

"Those other jackasses," if you'll pardon the expression, were two grapplers who had been carrying on a vendetta—tough, rough and bearded Tony Borne and tough, rough unbearded Irish Danny McShane.

"This donkey," cried the announcer, "is a special added attraction tonight. He needs a bath pretty bad. And the loser of this bout is gonna give it to him—right here."

But nobody was going to make a jackass out of Tony or Danny. So they started wrestling like wildcats. It was a nifty trick but it didn't fool the donkey. He knew one of those wildcats would end up swabbing him down.

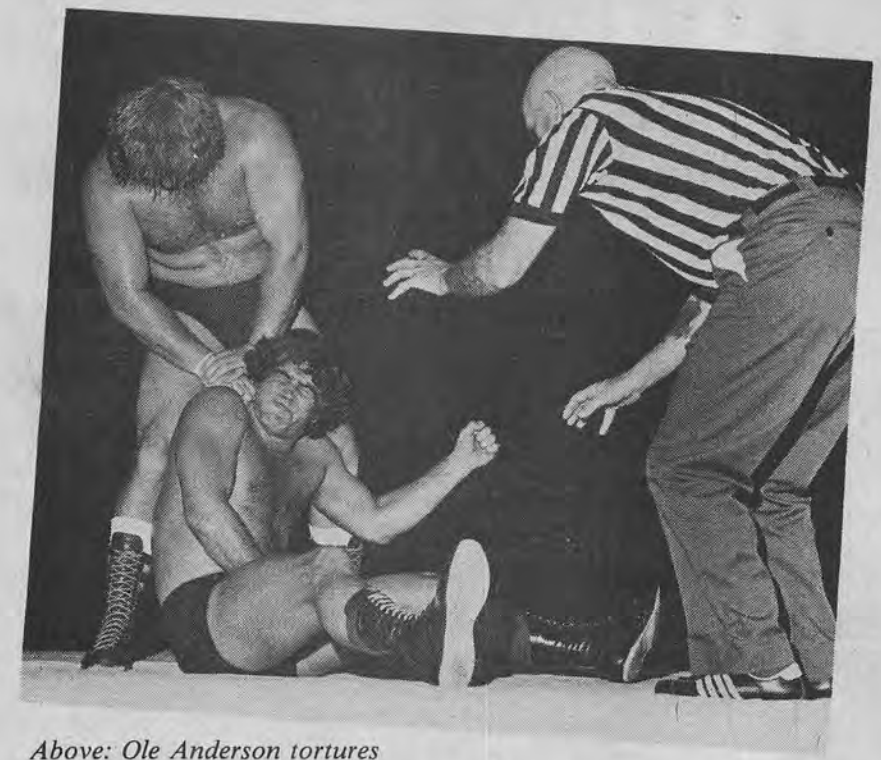
With one fall apiece, the boys were clawing up the canvas in the third frame when Tony's manager, Leo "The Lion" Newman, got into the act—and into McShane's hair. Danny finally spun around and gave Leo a tooth-crunching boot in the kisser. In a blazing flash, McShane then sailed out of the ring and passed out.

With the loser out cold, the donkey was in danger of missing his regular Friday night bath. The incensed Texans who had jammed into Houston's Civic Auditorium to see the fun, blamed Newman and howled for him to use the soap and brush on the donkey.

"Never!" sputtered Leo.

But Irish Mike Clancy and some other grapplers, who were on the scene for just such an emergency, soon changed Leo's mind after handcuffing Borne to the ropes to keep him from interfering.

For Leo, it was an ignominious evening all around. The jackass didn't care for his brushwork and dumped him. Flat on his—uh—pratt. □



Above: Ole Anderson tortures Jack in a nervehold. Below: Baba wins Jack's N.W.A. title!

THE DATE—JULY 20, 1973. The place—Houston, Texas. A confident Harley Race steps into the ring. He is ready to defend his National Wrestling Alliance heavyweight title against top challenger Jack Brisco.

The match, one of the most exciting title clashes in history, sees the dynamic Brisco realize his lifelong dream. He wins the title and all the prestige that goes along with it.

Jack's schedule now gets heavier. Much heavier. Accustomed to wrestling three or four nights a week, Jack now finds he is called upon to defend his newly won title five and sometimes six times a week. And he does so, changing his style somewhat. He has developed a more defensive style. One that helps him keep his title.

Wrestling a who's who of the sport, great names like Dory Funk Jr, Terry Funk, Paul Jones, Mil Mascaras and others, Jack retains his title, proudly. But friends and opponents can see Jack's pace slowing down. Almost a year later Jack appears to be tiring. And finally, on a dark and rainy night on the island country of Japan, Jack tastes defeat for the first time since winning the title. Giant Shoehi Baba takes Brisco's title from him on December 2, 1974.

"It was a technical loss," Jack tells reporters. "I'm not going to cry about it. I know I didn't lose fairly."

And Jack showed what a great competitor he is by soundly thrashing Baba just a week later and regaining the title.

Does that loss of the title prove Brisco is tiring and hanging onto the title by a limb? But, maybe that's not the case at all. Let's take for example the reign of Dory Funk Jr. Dory held the title for four years. But during that time he *did* lose many matches—non-title ones. Jack Brisco has not had the numerous amount of non-title matches Dory did. If he did the incident with Baba might not have come about.

Don't get us wrong. We are not knocking Dory Jr. for his choice of non-title matches. He was sly and knew how rough his schedule was. He had these matches so he could get a rest. If he was off his guard in one of these bouts, the title would not change hands.

Not only does Jack Brisco's schedule hinder his chances of

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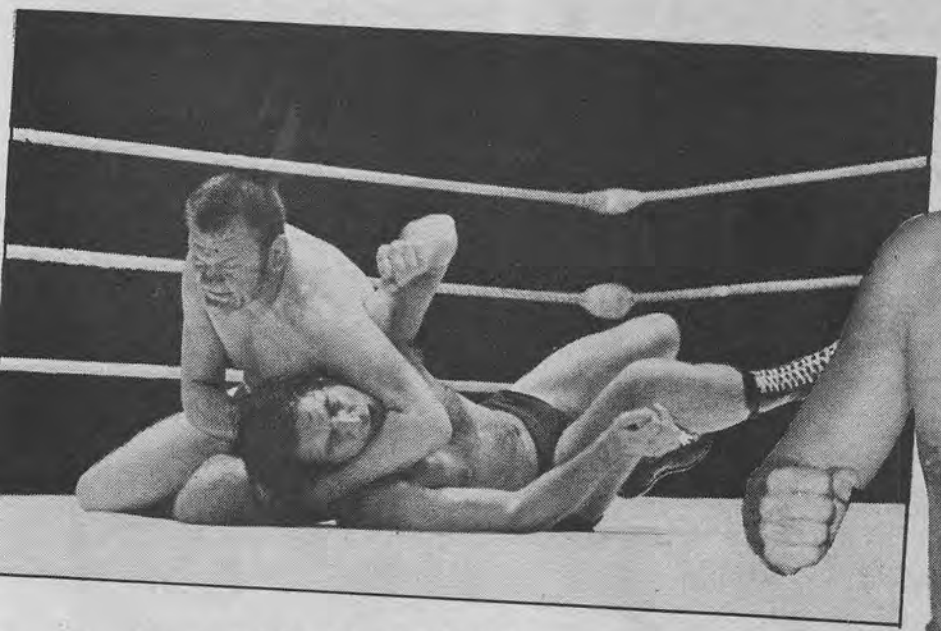
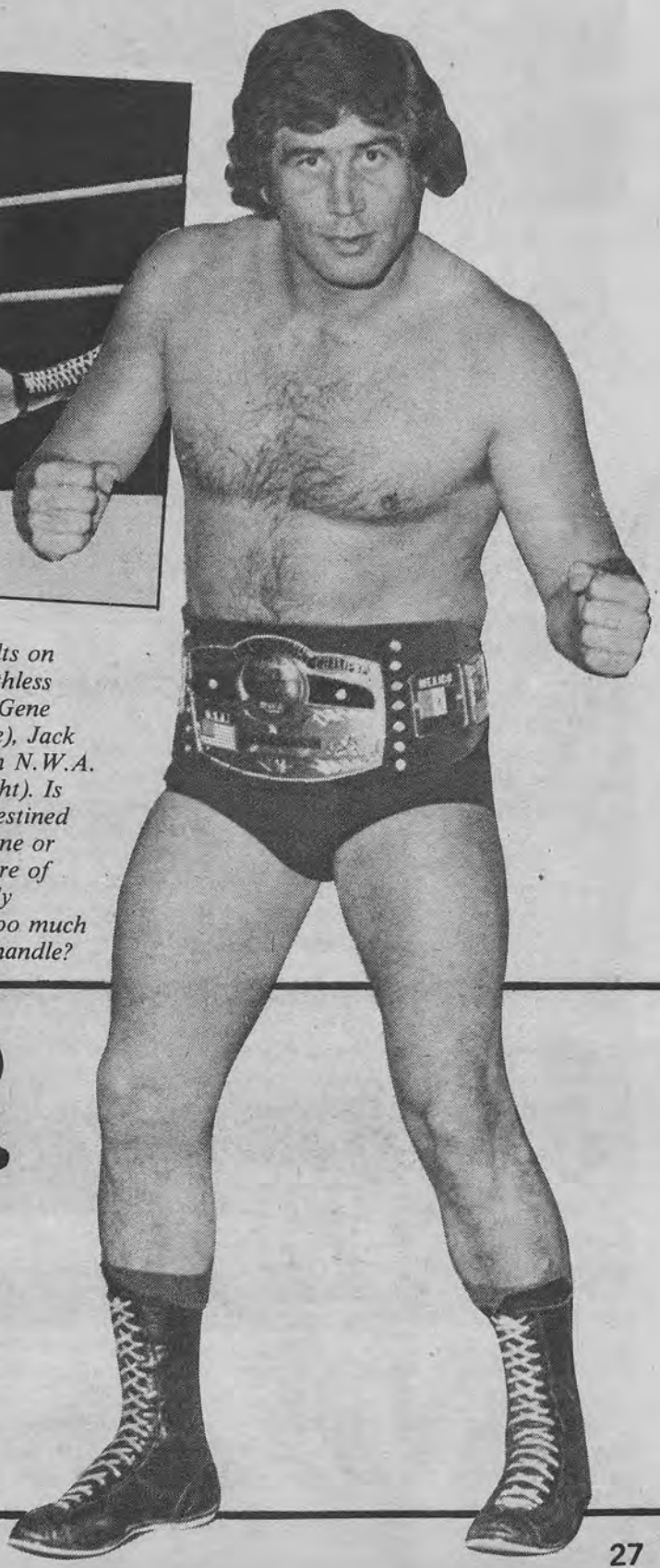
Jack Brisco's reign as N.W.A. champion has been one of joy and sadness. Some experts say he is tiring and will lose the title soon. Others say he'll become the man to hold the belt the longest. But only time will make that important decision





keeping the title for a long period of time, but the caliber of his opponents makes his chances even slimmer.

Paul Jones, a man who defeated Jack Brisco many times when Jack was not yet champion, is still giving Jack a hard time. Brisco has not been able to defeat Jones since winning the title. But he has not been defeated by Jones either. Chalk that up to that defensive style we mentioned earlier. *Continued*

Despite assaults on his title by ruthless wrestlers like Gene Kiniski (above), Jack Brisco is again N.W.A. champion (right). Is Jack's reign destined to be a long one or has the pressure of his title already gotten to be too much for Brisco to handle?

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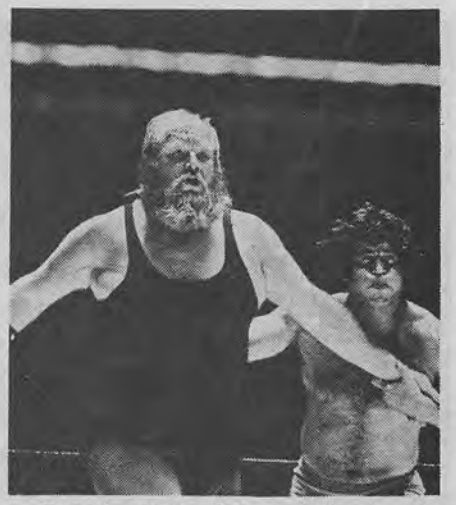
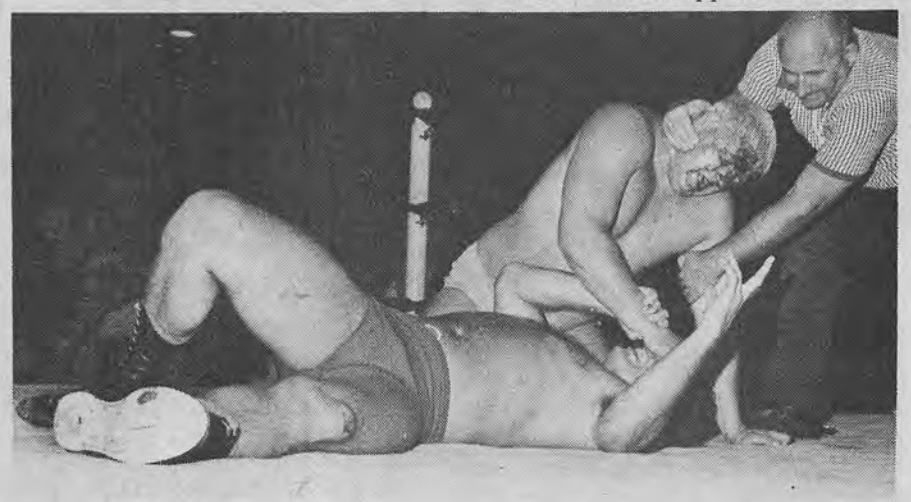


Eric the Animal learns why Jack is able to retain his title no matter what his opponent does!

Above: Jack's powerful body strains in the attempt to pin Bruiser and win the match. Can Jack keep up this grueling pace? Right: A bloody Dick Murdoch tries to gouge Brisco's eyes in a wild battle. Murdoch has vowed to take Jack's title.



If he sees that his title is in danger, Jack might force a disqualification by throwing his opponent over the top rope. That's one of the ways he's gotten off the hook in his matches against Jones. A true sign of trouble—Jack fears he can't beat the man fairly.

Let's not knock Brisco for that. If he can keep his title that way, more power to him. And until a man can prevent him from doing so, who are we to say he shouldn't? The N.W.A. hasn't scolded Jack for this tactic. It'd be interesting to see what would happen in a match where they say the title *can* change hands on a technicality.

One of the main things also going against Jack is his favorite hold, the figure-four leglock. Brisco uses that hold as well, and maybe better than anyone. But now, because so many other wrestlers are using the hold, others have worked out defenses for it.

Bobo Brazil is able to take Jack down with an excellent armdrag (right) during Brazil's attempt to take the title from Jack. But the challenger is unsuccessful and Brisco retains his championship for one more match, earning him the right to meet the next top challenger.

Let's take the case of Don Muraco. Don had seen Terry Funk reverse the figure-four on Brisco. He saw Jack scream in pain as Funk turned the hold into his own painful spinning toe hold. Brisco gave in, giving Funk one fall in an important title match.

Muraco, slated to wrestle Brisco a few weeks later, perfected a reversal method of his own. And when it came down to the match, Jack Brisco was shocked as the Hawaiian sensation did indeed reverse the hold and gain a fall.

Because dozens of wrestlers now claim they can reverse the hold, Brisco has cut down on using it somewhat. And when he uses it, he now makes certain his opponent is almost unconscious and can't reverse it. But Jack's got to be careful. A "possum" player can ruin Brisco's hopes of keeping the coveted title.

Jack is taking more punishment now than ever. Guys like Jerry Lawler, Bobby Shane, The Sheik and others delight in cutting Jack with foreign objects.

Lawler actually beat Brisco—with

Above: Jack battles Dory Funk Jr., the former N.W.A. champion and a man determined to regain his title. Jack's greatest bouts have been against Dory. Below: Danny Little Bear winces in agony as Jack snares him in a flying toehold, a famous Brisco maneuver.

Against opponents like Harley Race (above) and Billy Graham (below) Jack is always brutal!

a foreign object. Jerry's manager, Sam Bass, passed Jerry a chain. He wrapped it around his fist and slugged Brisco. Then he passed it back to Bass. All this behind the back of the referee. Brisco hit the mat with a thud, unconscious. Lawler pressed him and won the title. But a commissioner at ringside, who saw the incident, forced the referee to reverse the decision.

Jack has had his ups and downs during his title reign. And who knows how much longer he can hold on? His schedule and his tough opponents all seem to be spelling doom for him.

But then again, Jack Brisco IS the champion. To be champion you MUST have something special. He may even become the man to hold the belt longer than anyone.

That decision is up to Jack Brisco's physical prowess. And one other thing—determination. Brisco's got a hell of a lot of that. You can bet he won't let that belt get away from him easily. No way, brother. No way. □

LIKE A PLAGUE, tales of Joe the Gypsy's savagery have swept through wrestling. No professional grappler is unaware of this man's incredible reputation. Many bear the scars of encounters against him, scars which will always remind them of what happened.

Mad Dog Vachon is used to hearing his name coupled with words of hatred and fear. Lately, these same words are being used to describe Joe the Gypsy. Jealous of Joe's reputation, Vachon wants this newcomer destroyed. And there's only man, according to Mad Dog, who can do it—Vachon himself!

His first tactic was to infuriate Joe, making a match between them inevitable. Mad Dog's tongue is often as cruel as his wrestling. None could recall seeing Vachon as infuriated as

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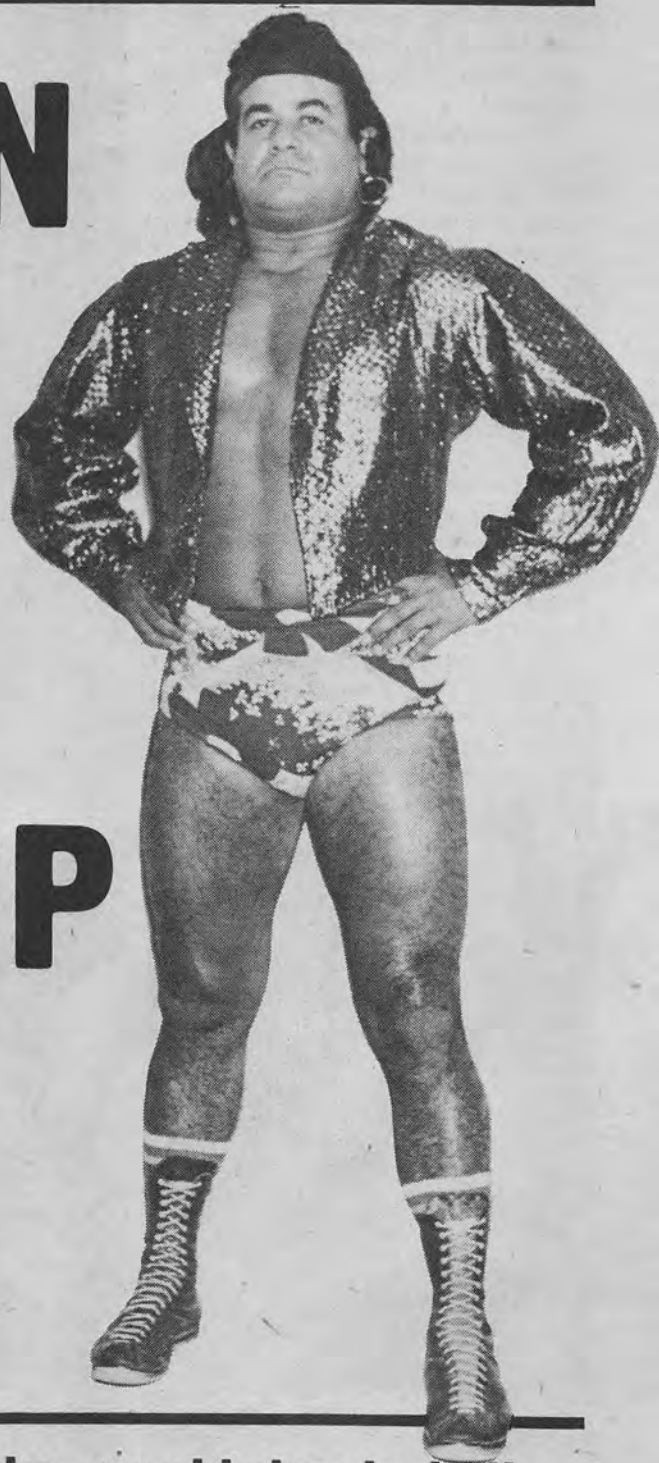

Mad Dog Vachon said, "It'll be a cold day in hell when I meet the man as tough and as brutal as me." It looks like hell is freezing over. Mad Dog's met Joe the Gypsy

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when he talked about the man who seemed to be taking over his reputation.

"It just goes to show what crybabies wrestlers have become," Vachon announced, "when a stupid weakling can make everyone so scared. Joe the Gypsy shouldn't be able to scare an old ladies' sewing circle, much less guys who consider themselves wrestlers. I'm more dangerous asleep than Joe is on a rampage!

"It's an insult to every tough wrestler in the world when some silly stooge like Joe gets a reputation for being mean. I've seen him wrestle and he's in the wrong profession. He should be a nursemaid. That is, if the baby isn't too tough!"

Mad Dog waited anxiously to see if his verbal salvo had struck home. He didn't have to wait long. Joe the Gypsy's answer was short and to the point.

"He's scared!" Joe announced. "He should be. I'm going to kill him!"

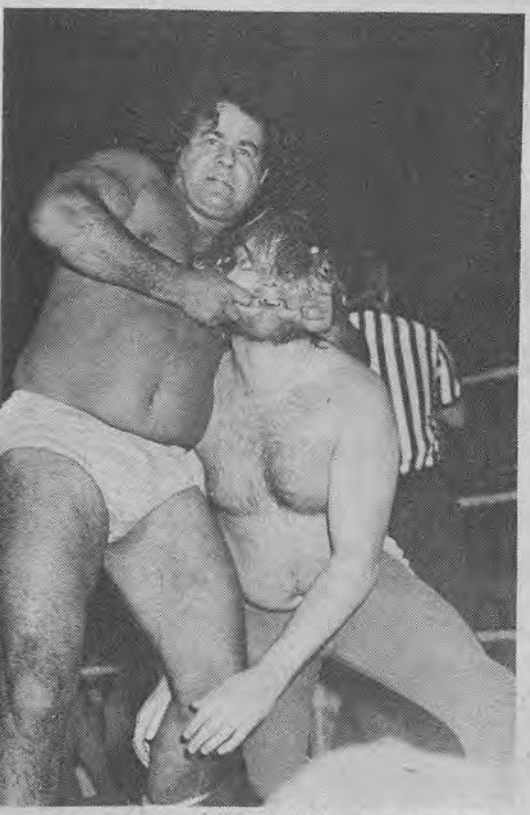
So the challenge was issued and accepted. Fans and wrestlers waited expectantly for what they assumed would be a titanic battle between two ruthless savages. The only ones who didn't want to know about the match were the promoters.

"I could make a fortune on it," one prominent promoter said, "but I wouldn't touch it with a 10-foot pole! I don't need or want money that badly.

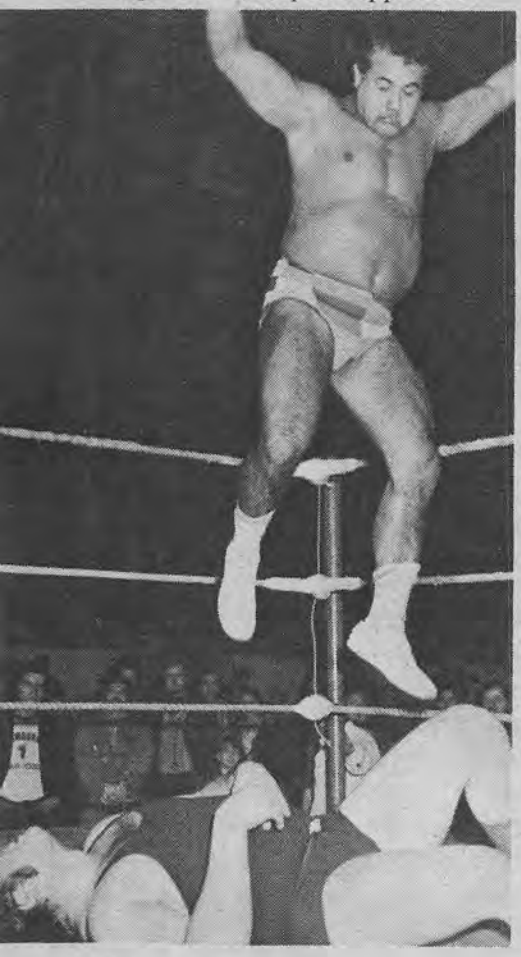
"Who knows what those two maniacs will do? Alone, nothing is really safe. Together, in a grudge match, who knows what'll happen. Even fans in the balcony will have to fear for their lives.

"How can you restrain those two? Do you know any group of special policemen dumb enough to take the assignment? I don't care how much money is offered, and there'll be a lot to go around, you'd have to be a

Although he's bleeding, Vachon is raging as he hurls Joe over the ropes (above) and to the floor. Due to the beating he took before the fall and the fall itself, Joe has to be carried out (left).



Above: Joe the Gypsy earns his reputation against men like Bobby Bass. Right: Enraged, Vachon strikes the referee! Below: Joe leaps off the top rope onto a helpless opponent!



maniac yourself to be a cop during that brawl!

"I like money," the man concluded, "but you couldn't pay me enough to take that risk! Let them settle it in an alley!"

However, fan demand was too great to be ignored. The match was finally held in Montreal. The promoter explained he was hesitant to book the battle, but he was obligated to honor the fans' request. Once the match was signed, the already tense situation grew close to hysteria.

"I'LL KILL HIM!" Joe would scream whenever another human came within hearing distance. "I'LL TEAR HIM APART! I'LL KILL HIM!"

Rumor had it Joe was studying films of lions fighting, learning to claw and tear. The mystery of Joe's past also got deeper and more bizarre.

Mad Dog wasn't afraid. Fear isn't a part of him.

"The more people are afraid of this Gypsy Joke," Vachon repeatedly said, "the more they'll fear me after I make him a cripple!"

The night of the match saw a triple contingent of special police prominently standing around the ring, hoping their numbers would discourage the pair from taking the match throughout the arena. When the two men entered, the sight was enough to

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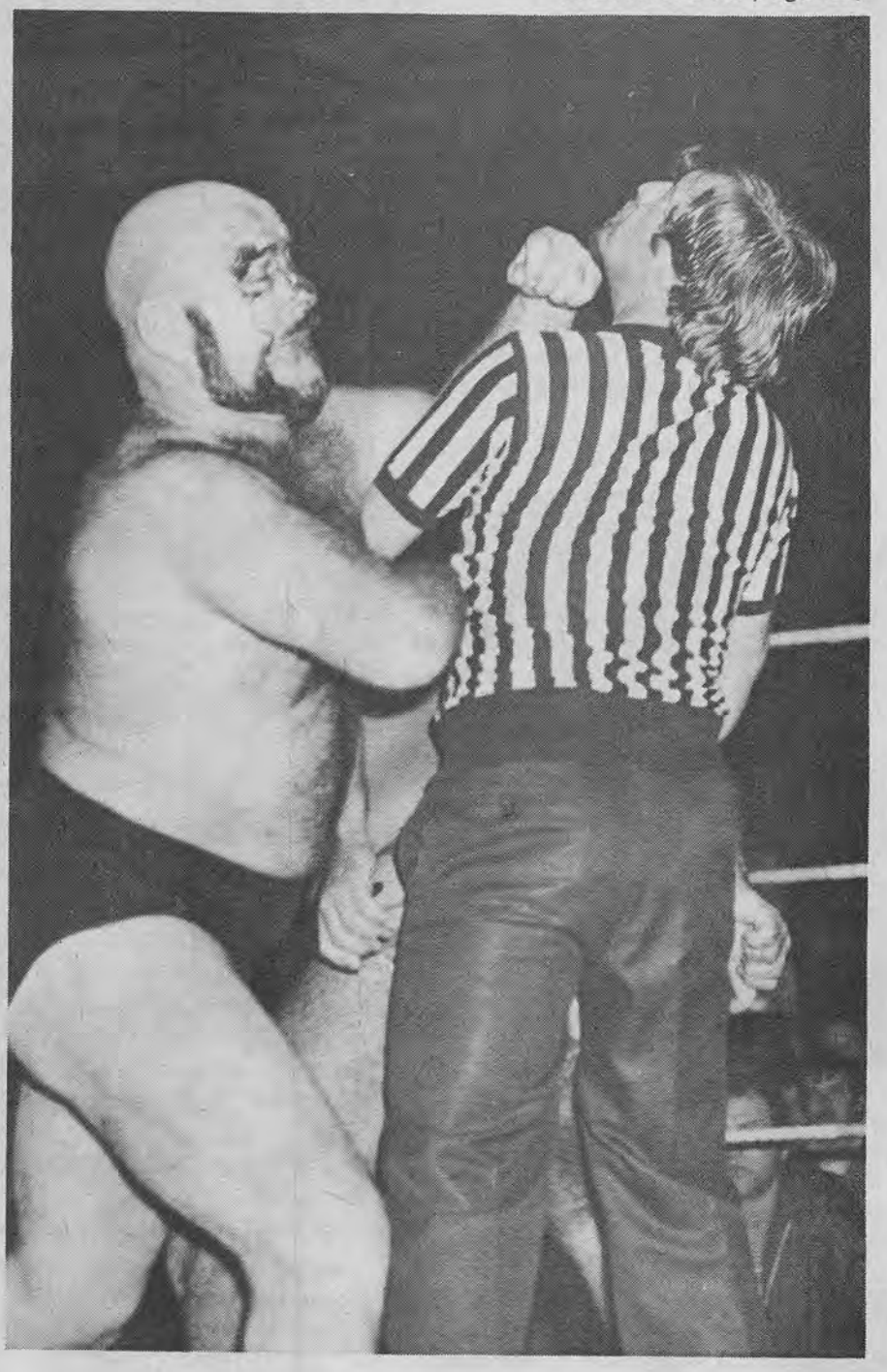
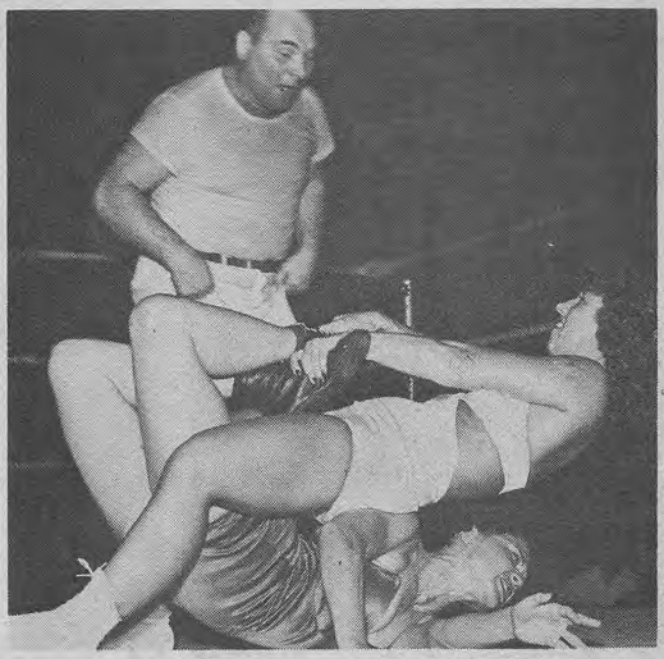


OUR APOLOGIES TO MILDRED BURKE

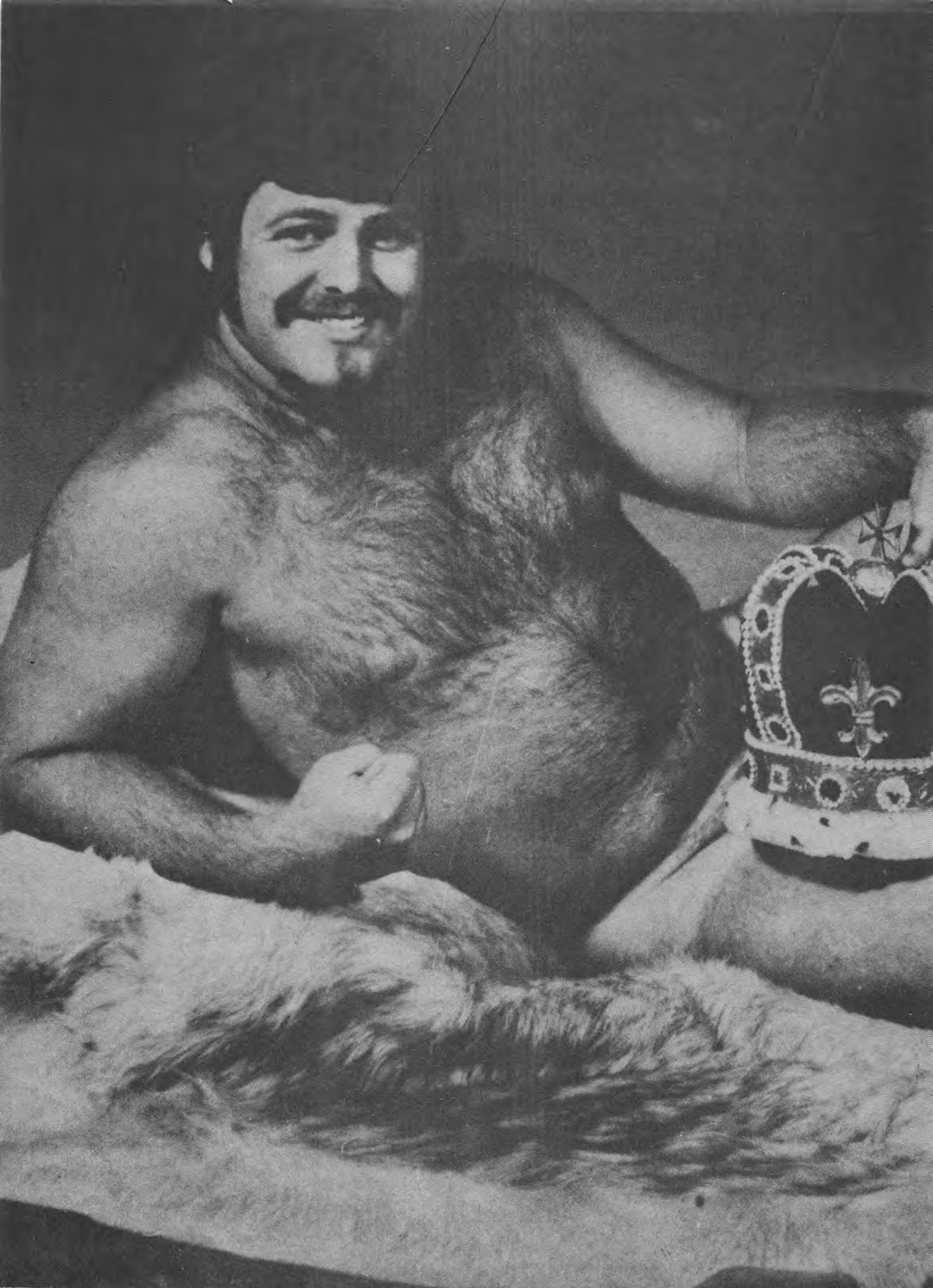
Against great Mae Weston, Mildred shows why she was such a fine champion (right). Her reign as the undisputed queen of wrestling was one of the most exciting in the sport's history. Over the years, Mildred has become the ideal against which other girls are to be compared.



In 1975 WRESTLING YEARBOOK #10's extensive history of women's wrestling, the caption accompanying Mildred Burke's photo mistakenly stated Miss Burke lost her title to Fabulous Moolah. As every wrestling fan knows, Mildred retired undefeated.

We sincerely regret this mistake, an unintentional slighting of one of wrestling's greatest figures. This famed woman athlete's career is one which all grappling fans will always remember. Her retirement while still champion was a decision greeted with regret by all who love the sport.

However, the legend and record of Mildred Burke, we are sure, will survive untainted by any captioning error. □



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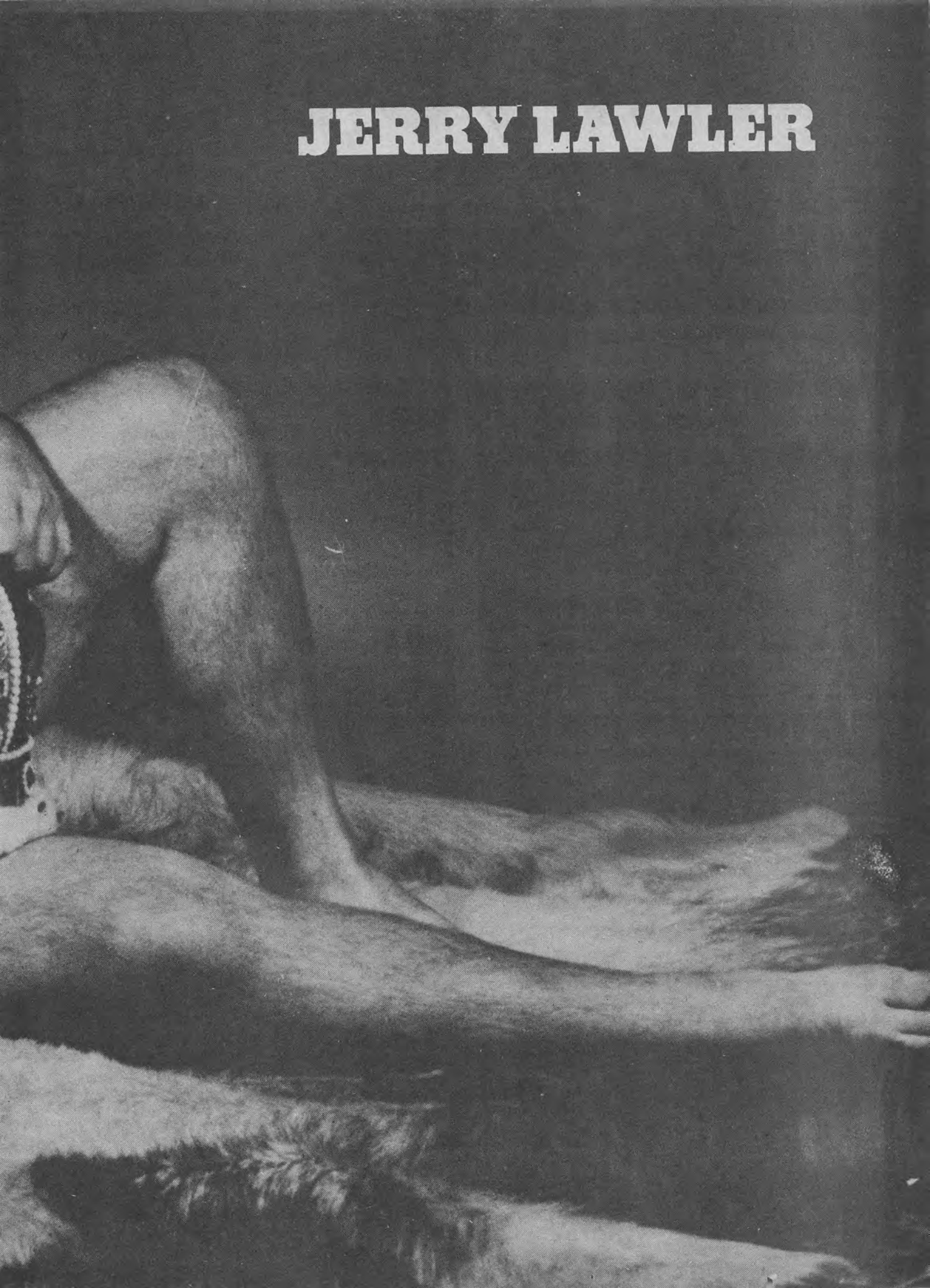

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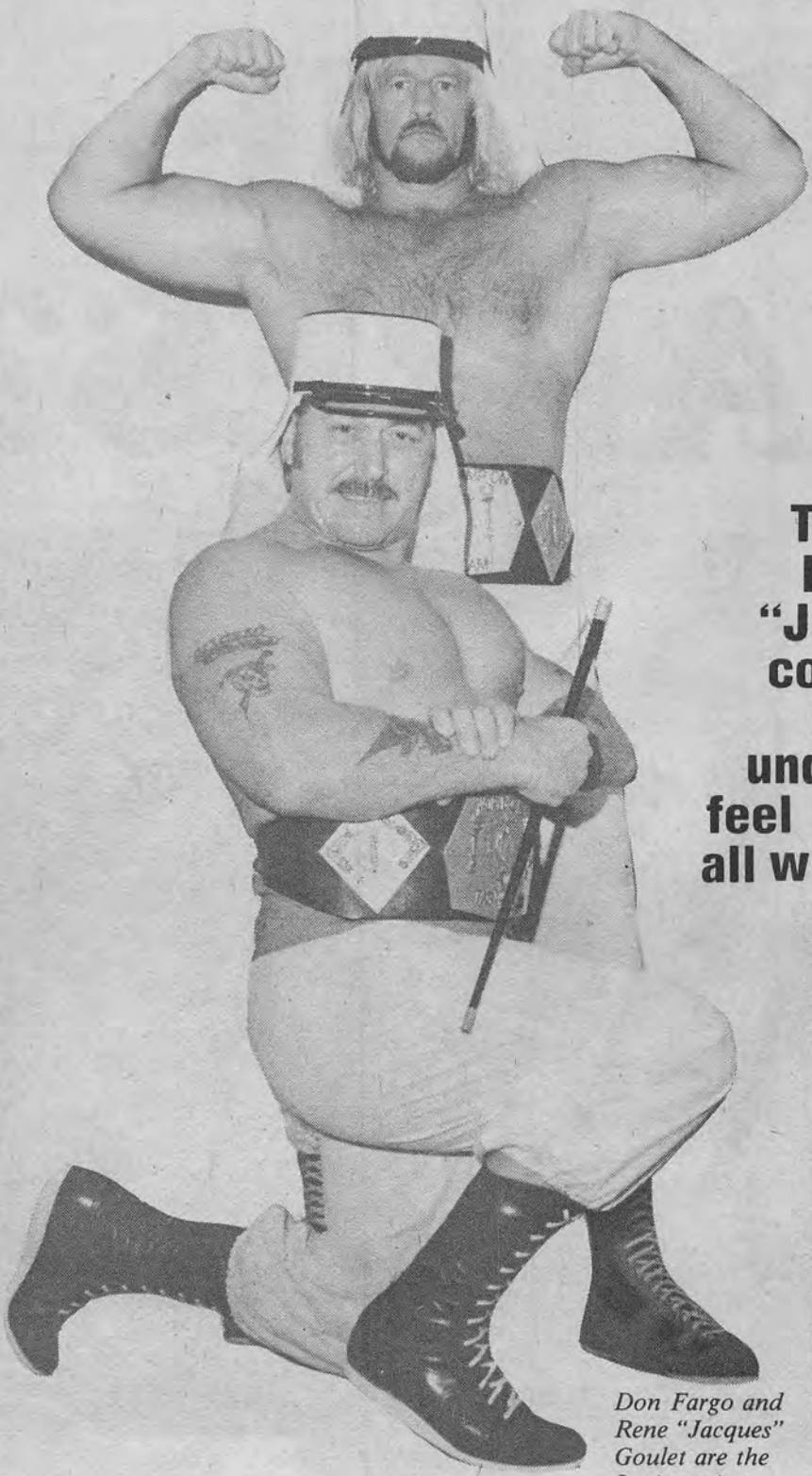
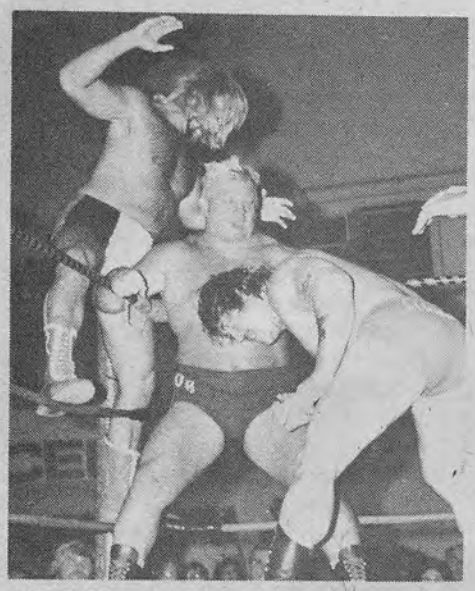
The strange pasts of Don Fargo and Rene "Jacques" Goulet are coming into the light. Maybe now you can understand why they feel they must destroy all who cross their path



Don Fargo and Rene "Jacques" Goulet are the Legionnaires (left). Against a wrestler like Bruiser, the two doubleteam him cruelly (right)!



WHAT KIND OF man joins the French Foreign Legion to leave his life behind him? And what happens when he rejoins civilization?

Two men came back to the lives they'd left. With a vengeance.

RANGE STORY HIND THE ONNAIRES?

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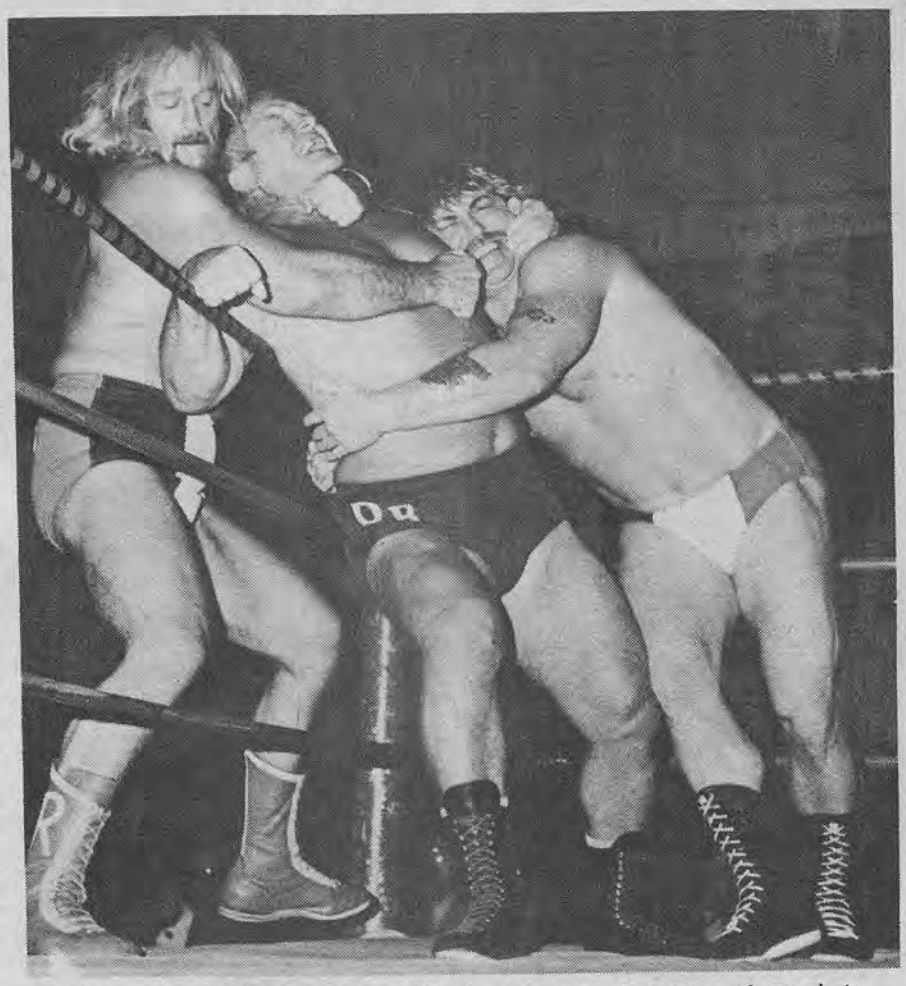
The two are Don Fargo and Rene "Jacques" Goulet. By coincidence, Fargo found himself under the command of Sgt. Goulet when he joined the Legion. Goulet was familiar with Fargo because the Frenchman had been European heavyweight wrestling champion before mysteriously leaving to enlist in the Legion.

Perhaps their pasts brought them together. Perhaps the loneliness of the Legion made them seek each other's company. Whatever the reason, the two men found themselves talking about wrestling during their free time.

Most people believe that as the two of them reminisced, the reasons for fleeing the grappling world must have become unimportant. Only they know why they turned their backs on success to lose themselves in a distant outpost. But when Sgt. Goulet's enlistment was over, he returned to wrestling. He promised Fargo he'd team with Don when his hitch was up, three years after Goulet's discharge.

No one was more surprised than Jacques when Don appeared in his dressing room one night—three years early! Jacques knew enough not to ask Fargo why he had left three years early, and Don didn't bother to tell him. Rumors of desertion, dishonorable discharge, even crime have circulated since Fargo's return. No one knows but Don. And he's not telling.

Besides, it's the present which is concerning these wrestlers, a present in which Goulet and Fargo, calling themselves "The Legionnaires," are going to figure prominently.



Fargo and Goulet trap Bruiser in the corner and go to work on their overwhelmed foe. To The Legionnaires, it's themselves against the world and fairness has no place in their way of doing their job!

The kind of desert combat which the Legion teaches its recruits serves this new tag team in good stead. With savage stealth, they can sneak up on opponents and level them with a single blow. To watch them is like watching a lesson in desert warfare, a most brutal

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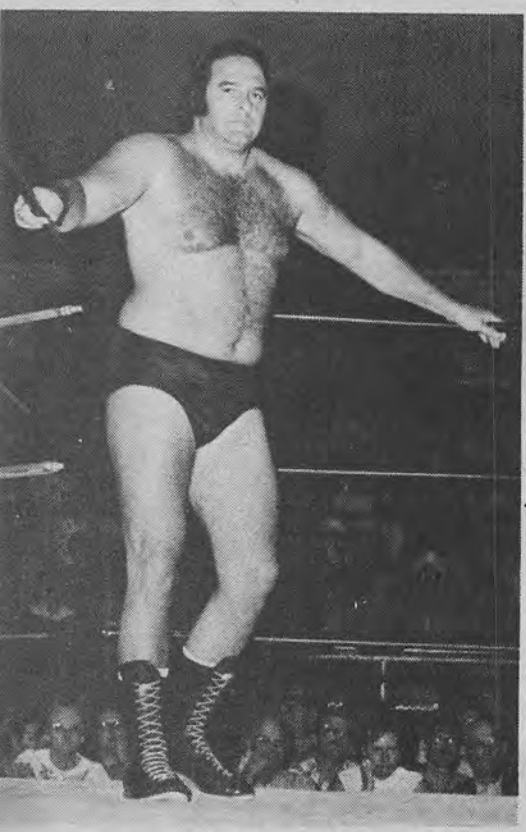
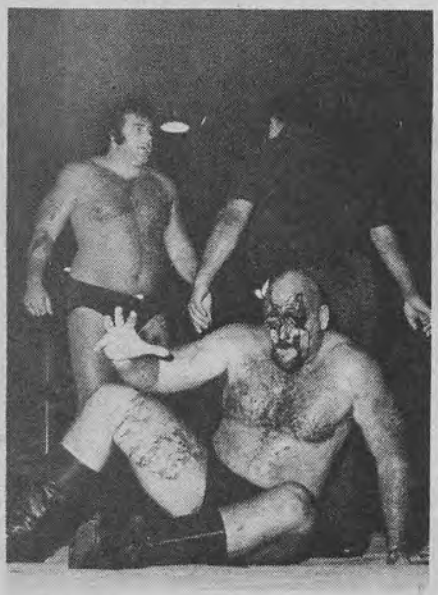


MARK LEWIN'S BACK FROM AUSTRALIA—



Sieg Stanke is bloody and in no condition to continue after Mark batters him unmercifully.

MARK LEWIN'S BEEN away. And the way American and Canadian fans are reacting to his return, you just know he's been missed. Badly missed!

Lewin has been confining his activities to Australia and Japan in the past few years. He did make a brief visit to the states a few years ago, but only to tour Florida and see his old buddy, Don Curtis. Then he returned to the land "down under." As you may recall, Lewin and Curtis were one of the best tag teams in wrestling history.

Before going back to Australia, Mark spent much time in Amarillo, Texas, and parts of Canada. It appears many of the guys he hates are now in the United States. He plans to finish 'em off right here.

One of those men is the hated German terror, Sieg Stanke. Stanke is a close friend of Karl Von Steiger, another man Lewin despises.

In Australia and Japan, Lewin engaged in several bloodbaths with the vicious Stanke. And when Mark Lewin heard that Stanke was heading for the U.S., he followed.

You should have seen the faces of the people in Texas when they saw Mark. Having "sex symbol" appeal, Mark always drove the gals wild no matter what part of the world he appeared. And his absence did not diminish that image one bit. The gals all but fainted in the aisles when they saw the muscular Adonis ready to do battle against Stanke.

The serious Lewin, however, was stone-faced. He didn't want his concentration lessened and his first American appearance in years spoiled.

An uproar of thunderous applause greeted Lewin when he

AND HE'S BETT

Mark Lewin's been away from the United States too long. It's great to have Mark back wrestling. And better than ever! PHOTOS BY BILL BEACH

Lewin has Stanke helpless in a great sleeper hold, a hold all of Mark's fans remember from the grappler's days as the tag team partner of Don Curtis.

was introduced. Stanke was booed—loudly. When the bell rang, Mark didn't give Sieg a chance. He was all over him, inside and outside the ring. He didn't give Sieg a chance.

And as a topper, Mark finished the German with the sleeper hold—the same hold he patented with Don Curtis during the heyday of their team efforts.

Sieg Stanke lay on the mat, covered with blood. Lewin looked down at his fallen opponent and smiled. A job well done.

An ecstatic Lewin left the ring, and on his way to the dressing room he stopped to chat with some of the fans. Many wanted to know when he'd be teaming up with Don Curtis. Many asked when he'd rid the area of such rulebreakers as Jim Dillon, The Judge, and Karl Von Steiger.

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Blood gushing over his face and obscuring its features, Sieg Stanke is one of the few very unhappy about Lewin's return to the United States. Right now, Sieg must be thinking of returning to Germany!

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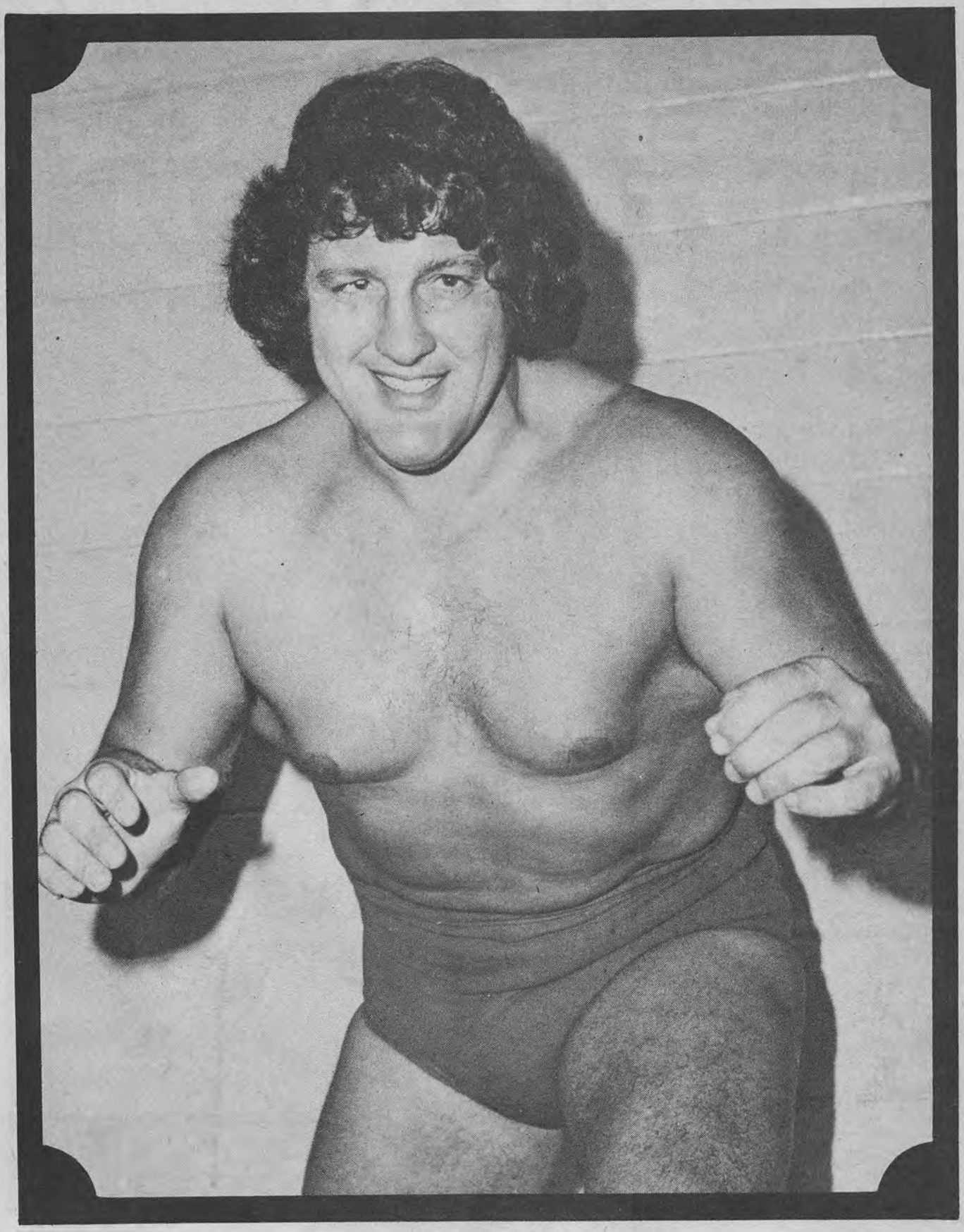

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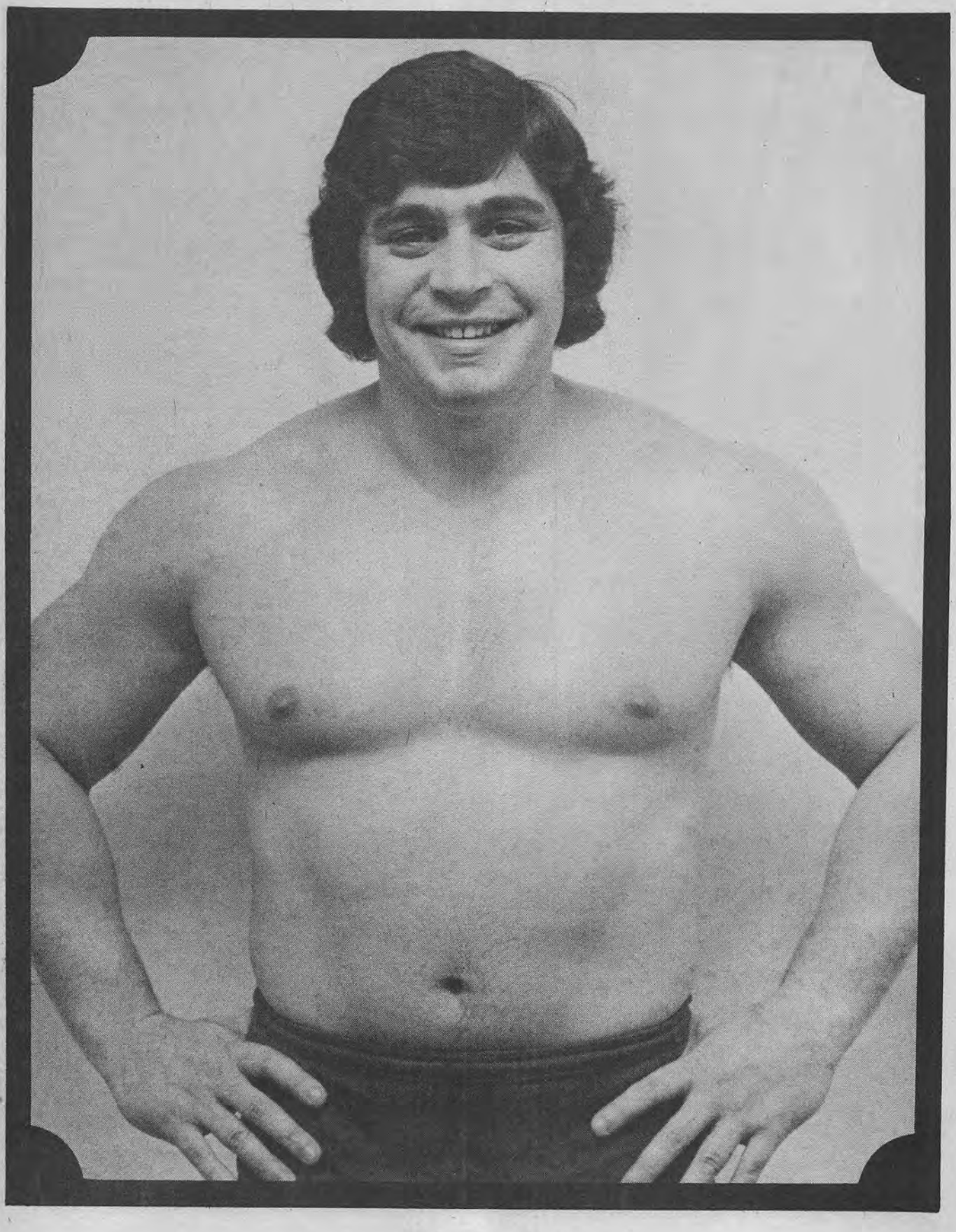

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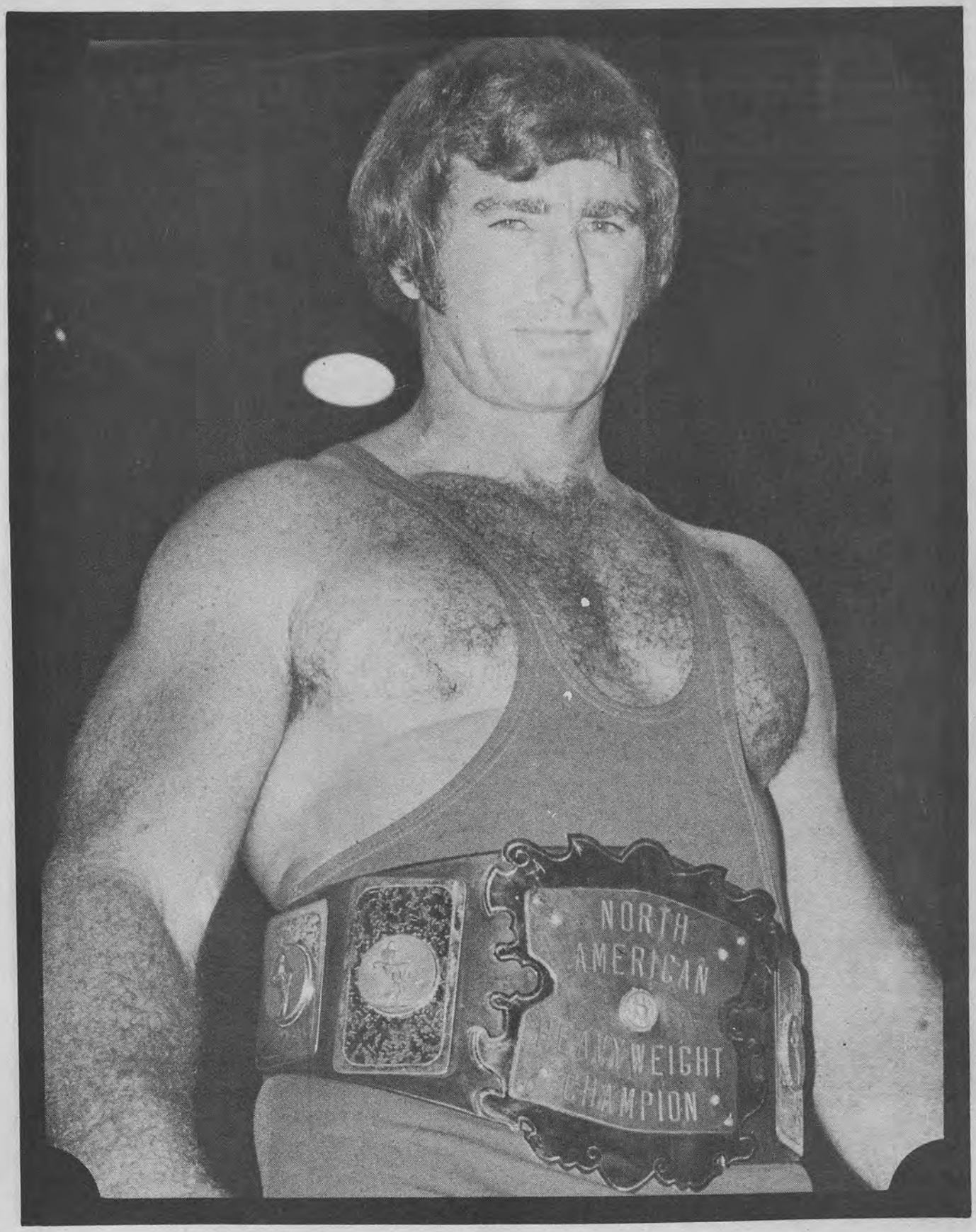

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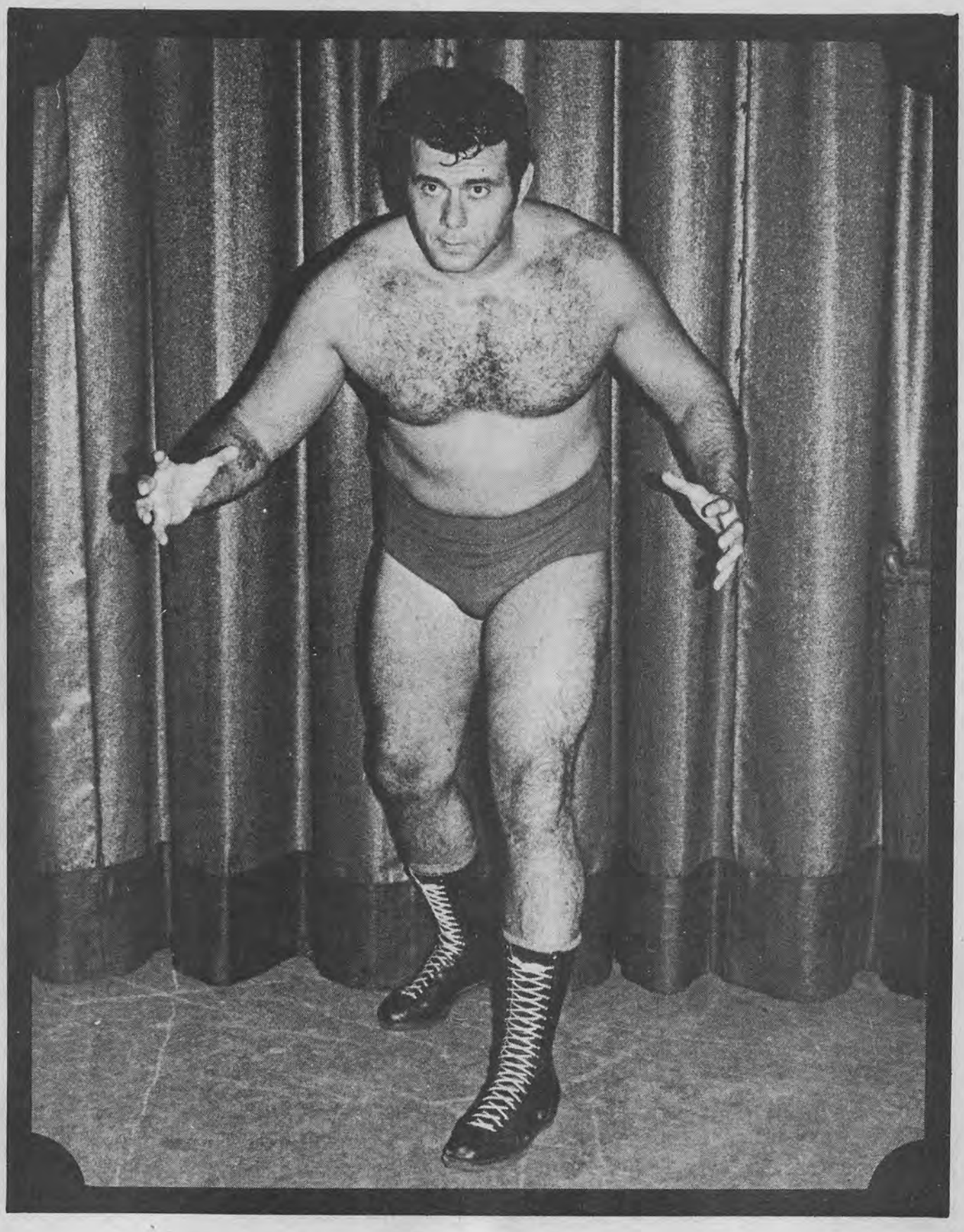

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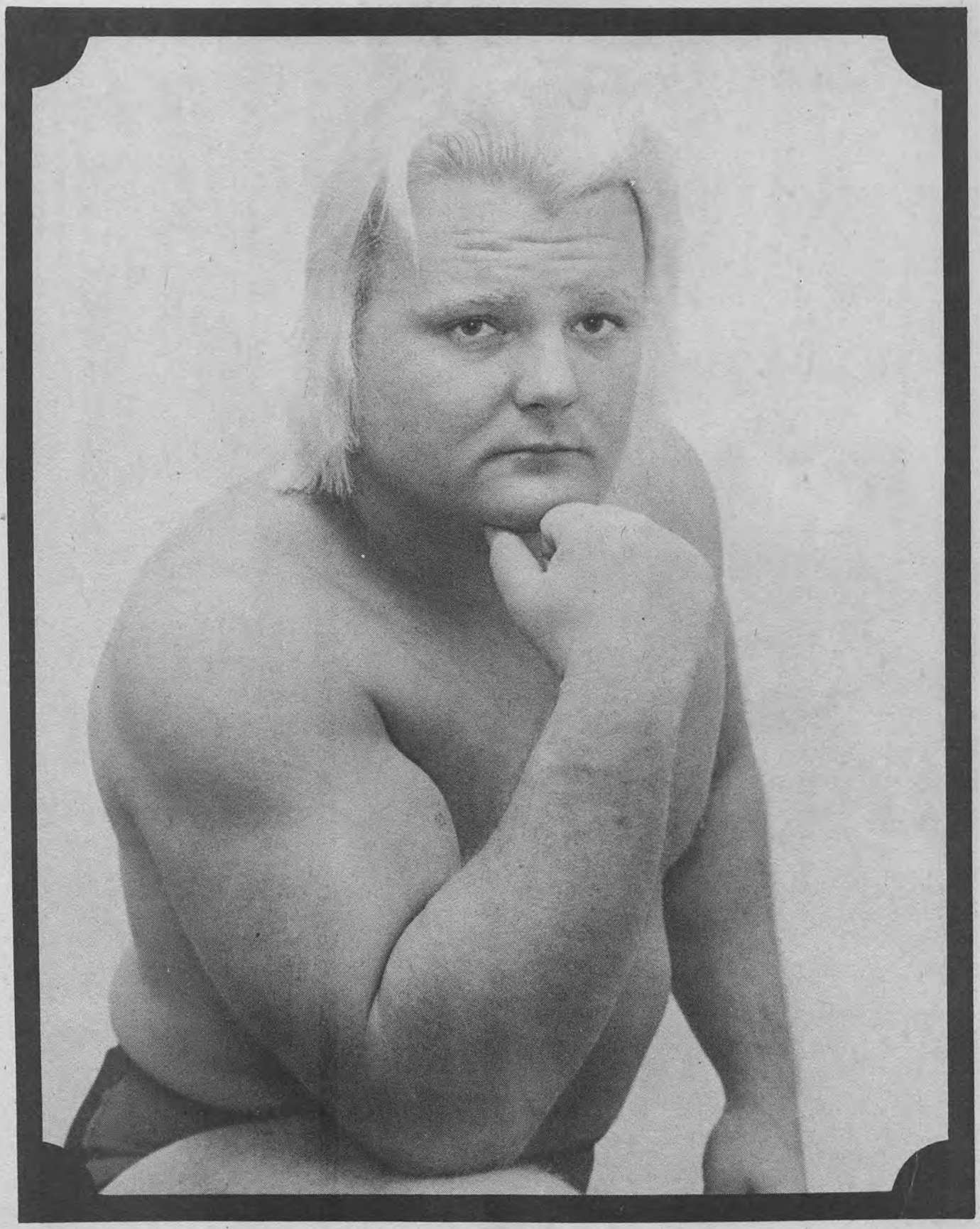

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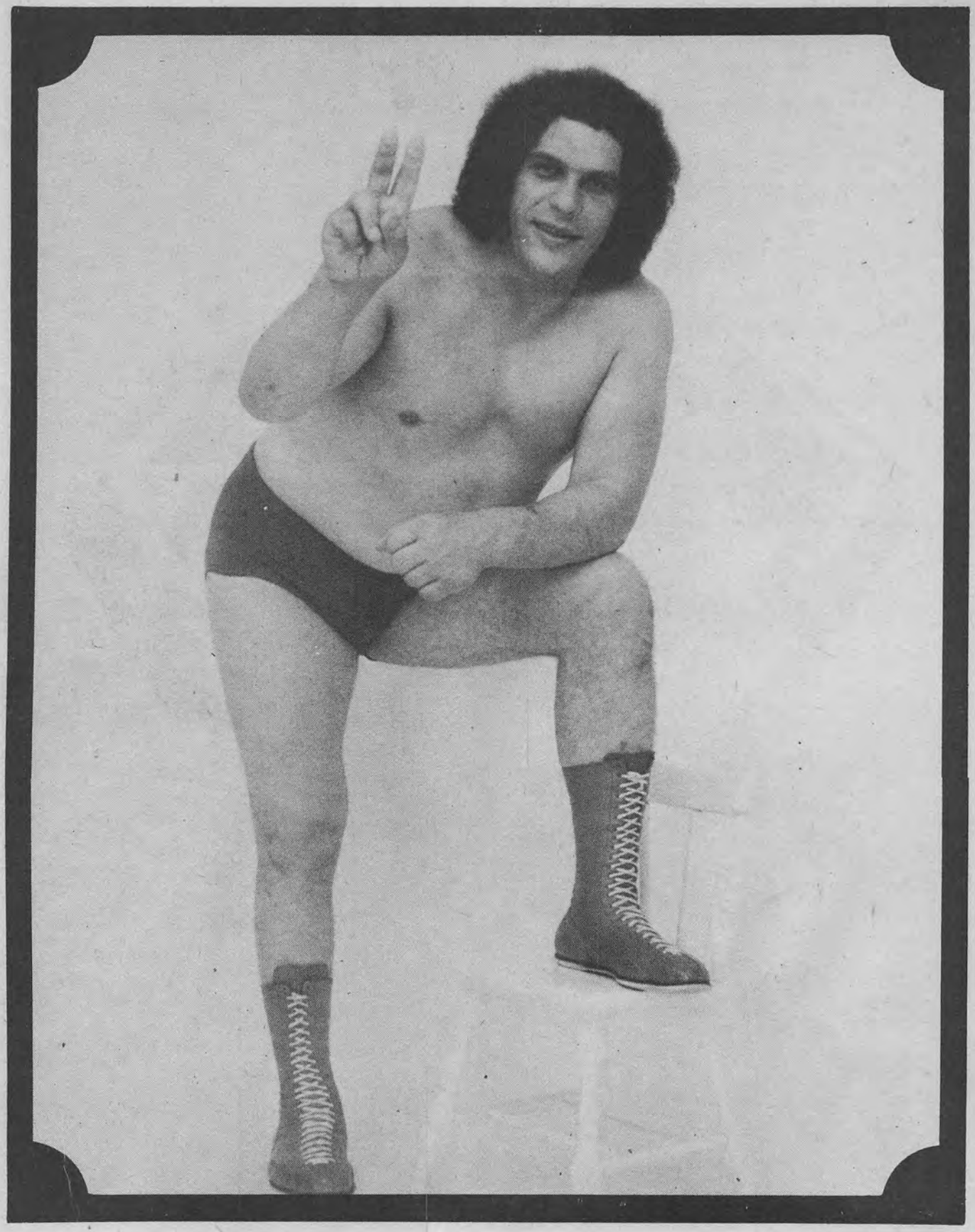

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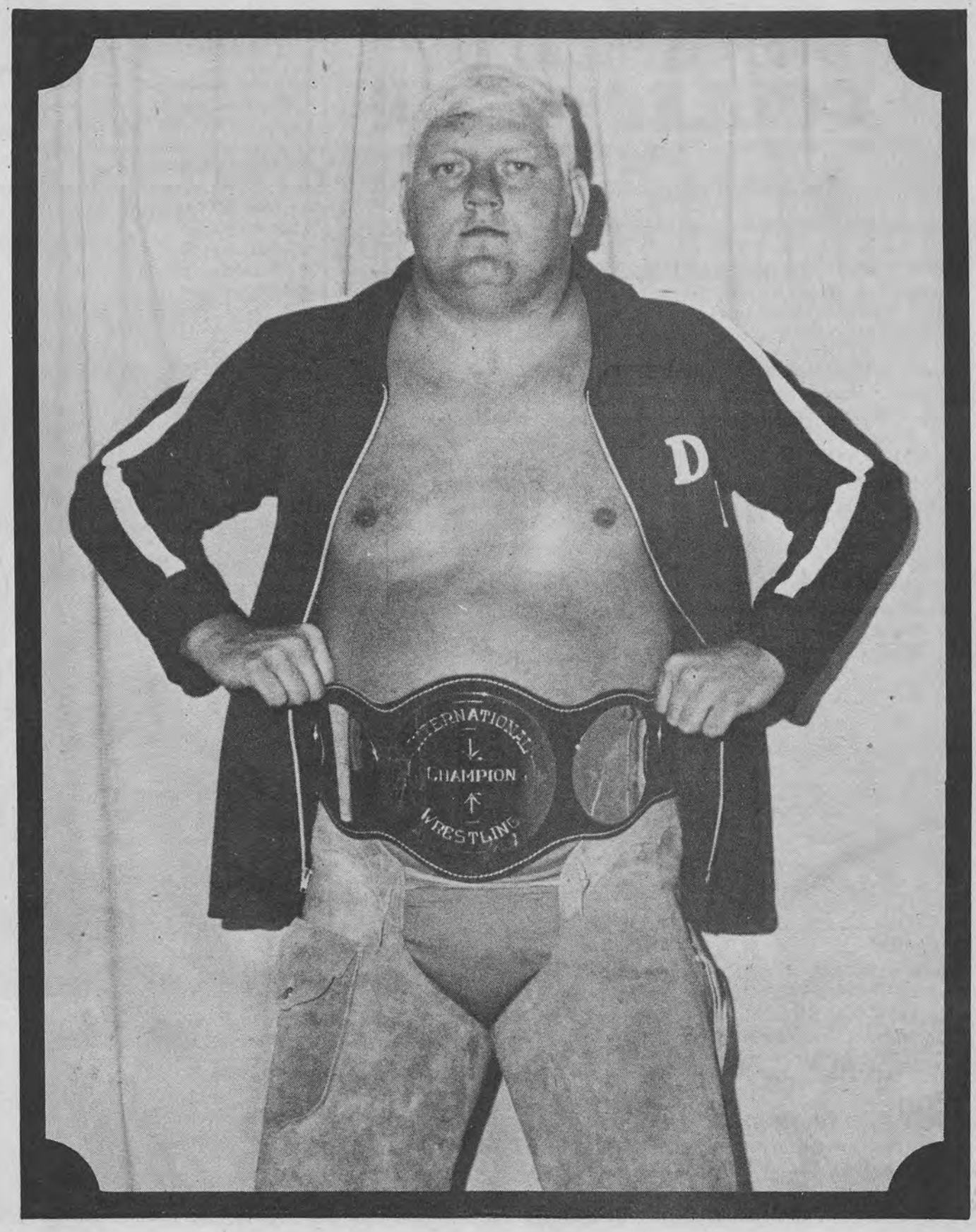

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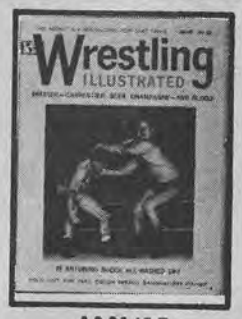

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SINCERELY YOURS

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tame and boring by comparison!

Ever since the first time I saw her, I thought Vicki Williams was both a great wrestler and a beautiful woman. She is the girl of my dreams. I never miss a chance to watch her wrestle. For me, she'll always be the greatest, even when she retires!

Thanks again for a great article, one of the many fine things about your great magazine!

LONNY GOODWIN
Columbia, S.C.

TAYLOR BEING CHEATED?

Chris Taylor provides some rough moments for Nick Bockwinkle and Ray Stevens in a recent match.

Congratulations. It's about time somebody wrote what a lot of people have been feeling. In the article, "Is Chris Taylor Getting A Fair Deal?" (WRESTLING 1975 ANNUAL), you people asked some questions that have to be answered.

Those who admired Chris from his amateur days were delighted when he turned professional. His skill and cunning make him easily the future champion. Many of us have been as disappointed as Chris with the way his future has been going.

Greg Valentine is bleeding from wounds inflicted during a brawl that almost left a man crippled!

Chris should be quickly working his way up the ladder to championship contention. He's right to be depressed about being in handicap bouts.

Chris Taylor should be champion within a year. He deserves it.

RYAN STABLEMAN
Duluth, Minn.

ANGRY AT GANG WAR

I couldn't believe my eyes when I read "When A Wrestling Match Turned Into a Gang War" (WRESTLING 1975 ANNUAL). Is this any way for professional wrestlers to behave?

Men like Pampero Firpo, John Tolos, Greg Valentine, and especially Edouard Carpentier shouldn't be involved in things like this. Tolos is a madman and you can't expect control from him. But Carpentier? I don't care how angry he is, there's no excuse for his running wildly into the ring.

I'm very disappointed in Edouard's interference. He is still my favorite wrestler, which is why I'm so hurt.

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THE FEUD

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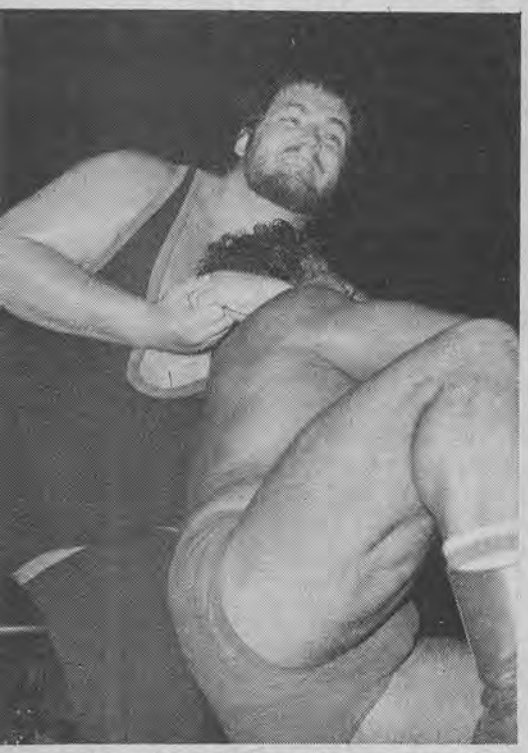

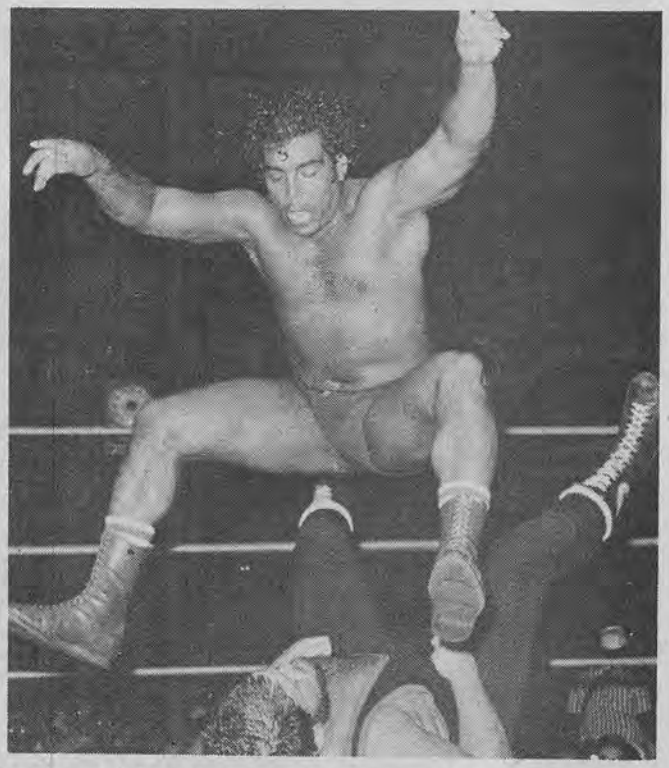

Left: Butcher chokes Manny as the gasping victim squirms across the mat, struggling for air and release! Above: Brannigan leaps through the air, only to come crashing down upon the canvas as Manny rolls out of range. Right: There's no way for Brannigan to escape the high hurtling Soto who lands hard upon Butcher's mid-section!

face, I hated him. To see Soto is to hate him!

"I'm leaving the west coast so I won't hurt him. I wouldn't want his crippled little body on my conscience. Anyway, I've beaten everyone who's anyone in this area, and that's a pretty small list. Butcher came, saw, and conquered!"

The official record fails to substantiate Butcher's claim of destroying all the wrestlers in the area. It's undeniable that his stay produced a reign of terror. His tactics were some of the most vicious ever seen.

However, fear of hurting Soto couldn't have been the reason he traveled east. Just seeing this brutal battler in a match is enough to assure anyone Butcher would never be influenced by mercy.

And Soto didn't need mercy. Their matches were savage brawls, but Manny gave as good as he got, sometimes even better.

If for any reason it was Soto who made Butcher leave the west coast, he could have saved himself the trip. Manny is following him east!

"I called the promoters," Soto explained, "and promised them some great matches if they allowed me to wrestle Butcher. I was so determined, I asked a ridiculously low price to wrestle him. Lucky for me, the promoters just laughed and offered me a very generous sum. They're fair men in wrestling, both inside the ring and out.

"There's an ugliness to Butcher I've got to destroy. He makes wrestling a little bit uglier, and I won't stand for that. I'd go to the ends of the earth to get him. Nothing can or will stop me."

So a feud borne in hatred, a hatred so deep it seems to surpass even the understanding of those consumed by it, has spread across the continent. Already, east coast fans and wrestlers are speculating what new alliances will be formed as the feud spreads throughout the W.W.W.F. area. No one looks forward to being drawn into this dangerous whirlwind, especially if they had seen the last few matches between the pair on the west coast.

Films of these matches have been seen by almost everyone connected with wrestling in the east. Referees especially have been studying them for things to look for and prevent. No one wants the bloodbaths which occurred out west.

However, how can you stop them? That's a question a lot of people on the east coast would like to know. □

TRIUMPH

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Sandra's headlock on Brenda shows the young rookie knows how to dish out punishment!

Yet miracles seldom happen. This night no miracle occurred. Slowly but surely, Brenda began dominating the action. Sandra struggled valiantly, but experience and ruthlessness were more than a match for this idealistic young wrestler, determined to earn her reputation as a strictly scientific grappler.

But Brenda's victory couldn't equal the magnificent exhibition Sandra put on in her losing effort. Her courage and determination far over-shadowed Brenda's cruel competence. Starr was victorious, but Lee was heroic.

Disappointed at losing, Sandra took the defeat with professional calm. Realizing she should be sorry after defeat, Sandra had a difficult time restraining her enthusiasm. While she had lost, there could be no doubt Sa Lee was real competition for the first class in women wrestling.

"I passed the test, didn't I?" Sandra asked, although she already knew the answer. She just wanted to hear everyone say it out loud, making the obvious official.

And everyone told her the obvious. Sandra basked in the glow of their approval and congratulations. She envisioned the day when her name would rank with the greats. From such matches, dreams and ambitions are born. □

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JOE THE GYPSY

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Above left: Even Don Leo Jonathan isn't safe when Joe is on the rampage! Above right: Bleeding Pat Clancy tries to change the tide of battle. Below: Vachon chokes his foe, War Eagle, on the ropes.

make even those who were armed shake a little.

Joe was wild, almost out of control. His eyes blazed with hatred and bloodlust. He had been insulted and humiliated. Revenge burned within him.

Vachon was a man out to protect his reputation, a reputation which had been made from the blood and broken bones of countless opponents. He wanted Joe the Gypsy to be one more victim in his notorious reign of terror.

When the bell sounded, each man sprung from his corner like a wild animal. Within seconds, both were gushing blood. Yet their hatred was too great for them to take notice.

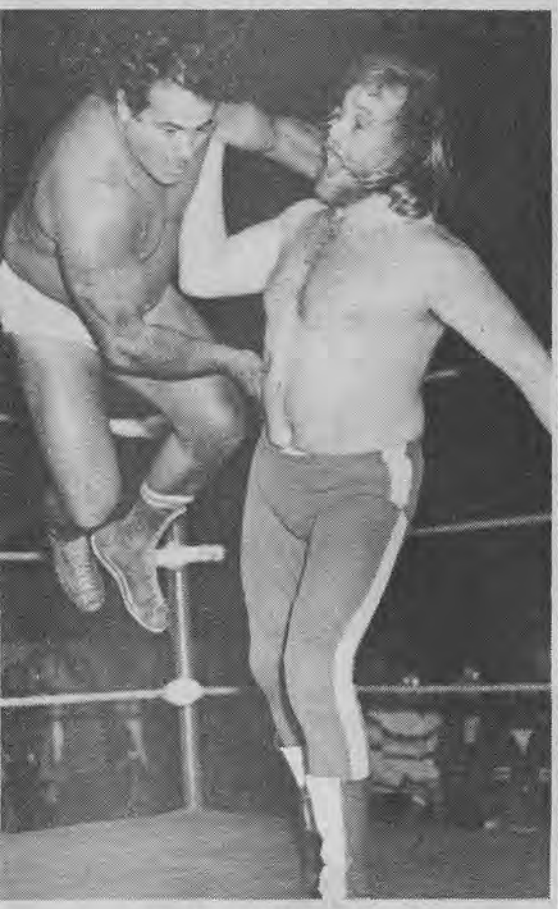
The action grew to be unbearably intense. Tactics which would be frowned upon in war were employed with savage abandon. The referee quickly gave up attempting to maintain any order. All he wanted was for

all three of them get out of the ring alive!

The intensity of the fury kept climbing, both men becoming berserk whirlwinds of terror. The referee tried to stop one of Vachon's more reprehensible tactics. Mad Dog responded by slamming the official in the jaw.

"You're disqualified!" the referee screamed, careful to keep distance between himself and his attacker.

Somehow the words registered in Vachon's brain and his eyes grew wide with rage. He let out an inhuman scream and hurled Joe over the ropes with one swift, horrible motion. Joe landed head first on the concrete floor. The fall knocked him senseless.



Early in their match, Joe the Gypsy is sent hurtling across the canvas by tough Bobby Bass.

Quickly, the police surrounded him, preventing Vachon from doing anything else. Mad Dog, his mind a maze of outrage, ran back to the dressing room. Joe was carried back by other wrestlers.

As of this writing, both men have refused to comment on the match. Obviously, each found the other more than he bargained for. Perhaps they'll forget their agony more easily when the stitches come out. □

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LEGIONNAIRES

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In a neutral corner, Bruiser makes Goulet wish he was back in the French Foreign Legion!

and ugly lesson.

In a short time, their reputations earned them a chance at the W.W.A. tag team championship, held by popular Wilbur Snyder and Pepper Gomez. Those who saw the match will never forget it. Snyder and Gomez don't want to forget—they want the memory to feed their hatred. They want to revenge the loss of their belts.

"Those guys are animals!" Pepper contends. "They don't know anything but maiming. Some of their tactics have been outlawed in modern warfare! They think they're in some old movie saving the honor of France against the natives. For them, it's kill or be killed!

"And if that's the way they want it," Gomez concludes coldly, "that's the way it'll be. I've never wanted to see two guys crawl as much as I want to see The Legionnaires squirming on their bellies!"

Gomez and Snyder aren't the only two who want to see the new champions grovel on the canvas begging for mercy. No one in recent memory has become so hated so quickly. And the two men are proud of it!

"In the Legion," Goulet says, "you learn it's you against them. Everyone without a uniform like yours is your enemy. Trust no one except a comrade-in-arms. If not, you die."

When it's mentioned to Goulet he's no longer in the Legion, and is in fact half the world away from its nearest outpost, Jacques stares silently into space for long moments. When he speaks, his quiet conviction sends chills up and down his listener's spine.

"Once you are in the Legion," he declares, "you're always in the Legion. Only death ends the loyalty one has for his fellow Legionnaires."

Then how does Goulet feel about Fargo's mysterious departure from the Legion three years before his hitch was up.

"Don's business," Goulet explains, "is Don's business. I neither ask nor want to know the details. I'm convinced Don feels as I do about his comrades in the Legion. What happened between Don and the officers is not my worry. I'm convinced it was a matter of honor!"

Fargo refuses to discuss what made him leave the Legion before his full time had been served. But like so many who leave the service under mysterious circumstances, he's intensely loyal to the organization.

"Every time I enter an arena," Fargo asserts, "I feel like the Legion's great tradition and history of heroism enters with me. I'm defending the honor of these men when I wrestle. I must win to

vindicate their sacrifices!

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The Legionnaires don't even want a photographer allowed into their dressing rooms!

are. Bruiser refers to them angrily as "Desert Rats." That's the nicest thing anyone is calling them.

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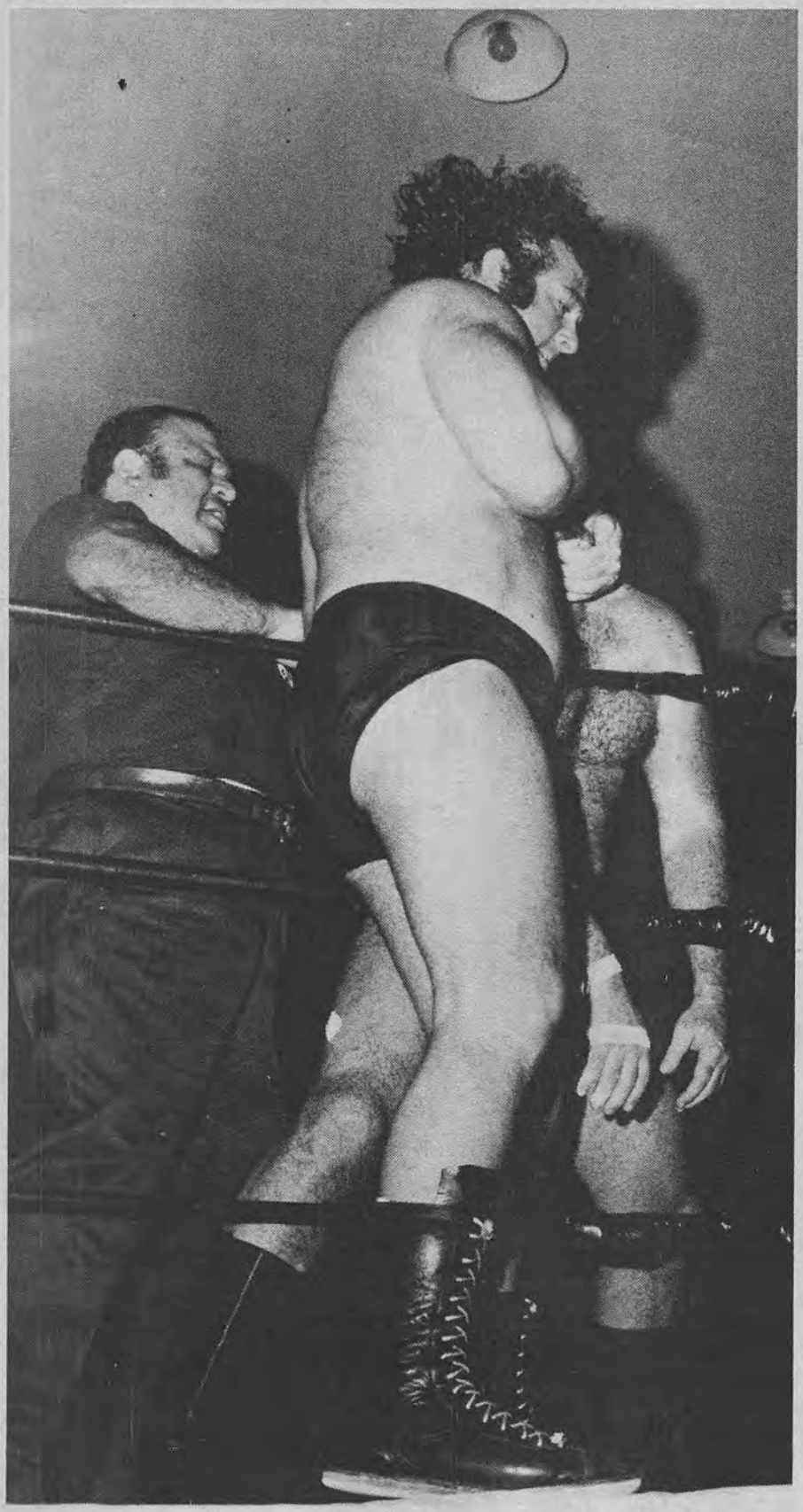

The ring becomes too small to contain the furious action and Sieg finds himself outside the ropes. Yet that's no reason to stop wrestling as far as Lewin's concerned. The battle keeps on raging!

Stanke is battered on the arena floor (above) until the referee demands Mark to stop (below)!

However, Mark had no answers. He didn't want to be committed to stay in one area. He smiled politely as the questions were asked and then waved and went to his dressing room.

His next stop? Canada. He had some unfinished business to settle.

The same treatment he received in Amarillo was awarded to Lewin in Canada. It was good to have Mark Lewin back again.

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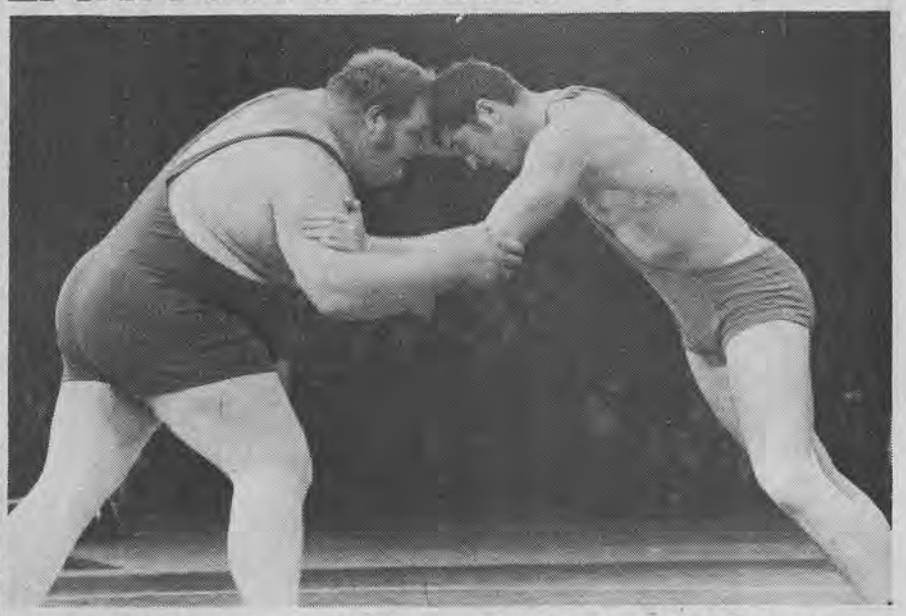


Chris Taylor, now a professional star after wrestling in the Olympics, often tells young wrestlers why the amateur ranks are so important.

"It's a natural progression," Chris explains, "from the amateur ranks to professional status. You've got to learn to walk before you can run. The amateurs teach you the correct way to wrestle, which is *very* necessary. It takes years before even the best amateurs can enter professional wrestling."

Once getting good amateur experience, the average being eight years, you're now ready to try to break into the professional ranks. There are a number of promoters around the country always willing to talk to young men and women anxious to become professional wrestlers. If you're serious with them, they'll be serious with you.

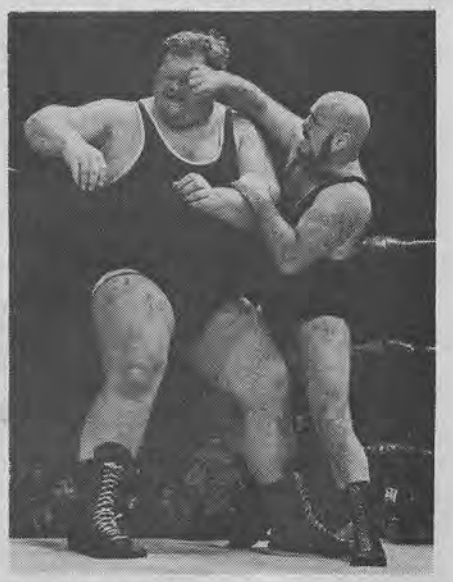
Sometimes, even the wrestlers themselves will help others. Larry Zybszko tells how he managed to break into the pro ranks.

"When I first met Bruno Sammartino, he told me to get some amateur experience—and put on some weight. When I came back years later, Bruno took me out and saw me wrestle. I was shaking like a leaf, so nervous, but Bruno must have liked what he saw.

"Within a few months, after some strict training, I got into my first match. Due more to Bruno's instructions than to my ability I won it. If you get an established wrestler to help you, the biggest hurdle is overcome. I was incredibly lucky, because I had the best to help me.

"But if you can just get a promoter,

Chris Taylor learned his basic wrestling in the amateur ranks (above) before he felt ready to become a professional and meet men like Mad Dog Vachon (below).



you'll be in pretty good shape. Because they need wrestlers as much as we need them. They'll protect the young guys without putting them in above their heads. They're really very careful not to let a guy go too far too quickly. Promoters aren't the heartless guys everyone says they are. They're looking out for a wrestler's interest as well as their own."

After making the first contact with a man within the profession, a hopeful wrestler must be prepared to devote months to strict training and living the life of a solitary monk. There are no weekends, no holidays. Every day must be strictly devoted to turning

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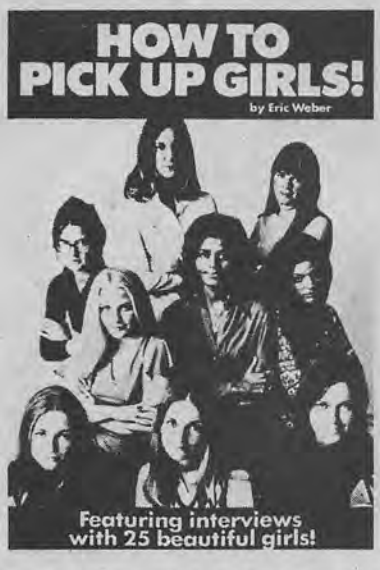

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Above: Bruno Sammartino stands with Larry Zbyszko. Bruno has given Larry a good deal of sage advice. Right: Johnny Valentine enjoys wrestling so much he has had his brother Greg join the profession. Below: Mike Graham has a famous father to help him.

course for which they've embarked upon. It's a thrilling thing to see a young kid on his way to making it.

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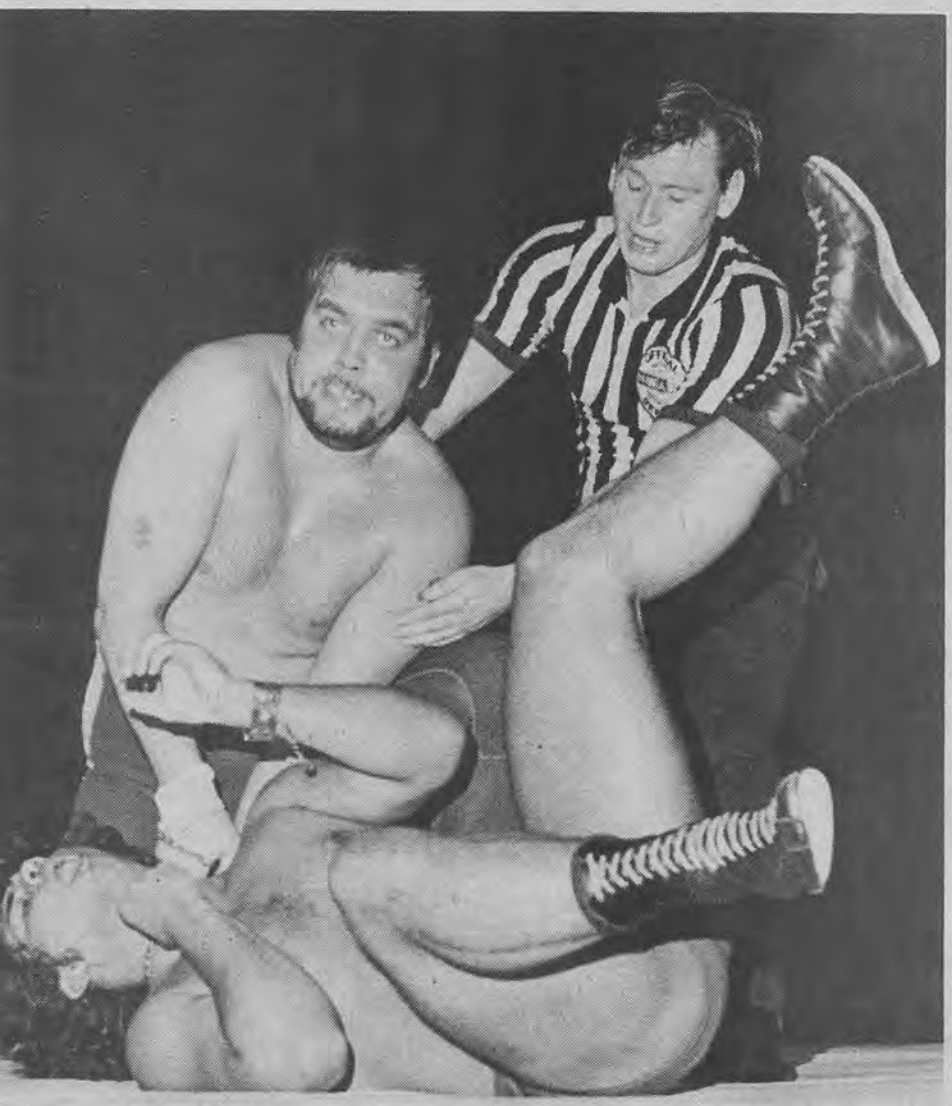

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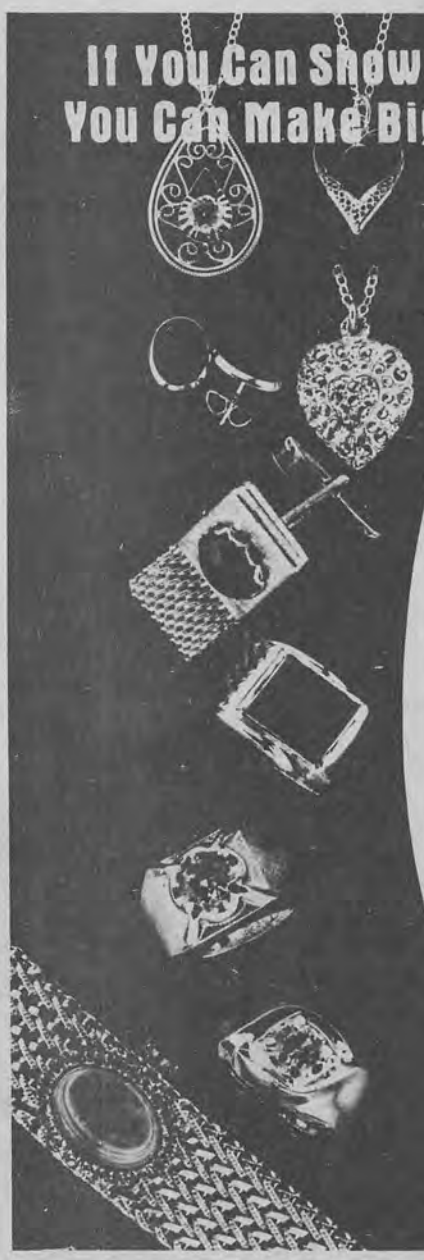

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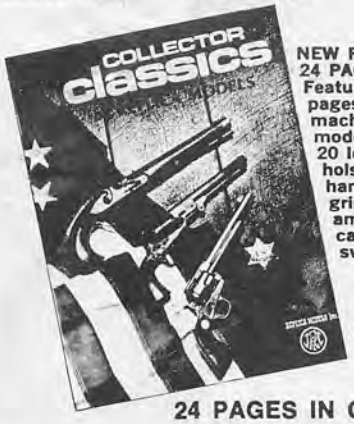

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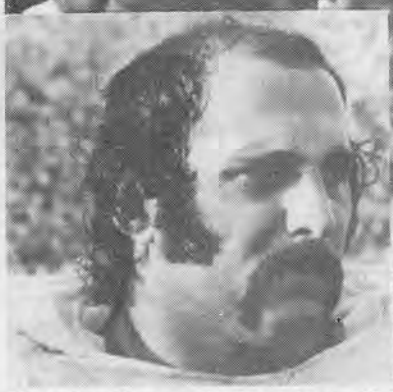

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